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WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

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THE terrible tornado in St. Louis spared the Locust Street headquarters but, we are very sorry to learn, several officers and other fellow-workers of the Southwest Board had their houses unroofed or otherwise damaged. Blessed they, who are able to meet such a test in the spirit which, Mrs. Burg writes us, was manifested by one of her friends: "She said to me as we looked at the complete wreck of her home, *These are not the things that can hurt us.*"

THE name first given to the Christian Endeavor Society in Germany has been altered in order to preserve the monogram "C. E." It is now called *Jugend Bund fur Entschiedenes Christenthum* (Young People's Society for Decisive Christianity).

THERE were ten thousand Presbyterian Christian Endeavorers present at the Denominational Rally in Boston, last summer; how many will report at the Convention in Washington, next month?

THIS is the season of Annual Reports, and we take pleasure in reminding our readers how easy it is to get one. A polite request on a postal card to the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions secures a copy of the new Report, free. There were two hundred and fifty copies of the last Report never called for, that any of you might have had. If you like to ponder the statistics of our missions, here they are (and much more) complete. A copy is sent *without application* to every pastor in the Presbyterian Church, so if, having none of your own, you want to consult the Report of any Board of our Church, you have only to apply to your helpful minister. There might possibly be a case where such an application would help the pastor by reminding him that a Report is for use.

THE new Shah of Persia took the throne at Tabriz the day following his father's death and, so far, all has been quiet from Tabriz to Teheran.

IT does not surprise us that the new Shah at once invited Dr. Holmes, of Tabriz, to resume his former relation to himself, that of private physician. It is rather more unexpected that he should also have been asked to conduct the royal harem to the Capital. Both these distinguished compliments were declined for the sake of being a humble missionary.

SIXTEEN new pupils were received into the girls' school at Sapporo, Japan, in the month of April. That does not look like opposition to the Bible.

THE gentleness of Japanese character was illustrated at the time of Mr. Porter's serious accident, mentioned last month. Still in an unconscious condition when his wounds were dressed, he was held all the time in the arms of the Chief of Police, who had come from Tsuruga ten miles distant. Japanese members of Presbytery showed tender sympathy and earnestly prayed for Mr. Porter's recovery, and when the missionaries offered a small present of money to several policemen who had been of great assistance, it was refused by every one with the assurance that they had only done their duty.

IN connection with Paotingfu Station, N. China, is a faithful colporteur, "full of the spirit," who has pastoral oversight of Mau Chéng village. Up to April 1, thirty-five men from his inquiry classes had gone to Paotingfu to receive further instruction in Christianity. Mr. Miller writes that these men are all respectable and seem honest. One begged for early baptism, on account of his extreme age, and thus becomes the first fruits of our Mission in that place. The preacher rents a room for himself, but a large reception room in which to hold services is granted, free of charge, by one family—evidence of hearty interest in the truth, especially on the part of the women of that household.

CHINANFU Station was gladdened, a few months ago, by receiving a petition signed

by one hundred and four names of residents in fourteen villages, asking that some one be sent to teach them the doctrine.

SINCE page 196 was in type, a letter from Miss Smith is received acknowledging a copy of the *Schonberg Cotta Family* and *Ben Hur* is, therefore, substituted for it in "Asked For."

PROBABLY the first Cook Book ever printed on a Mission Press is that lately published in Siamese by the Harriet House School at Bangkok.

MOONLIGHT on the lawn in front of the girls' school at Bangkok. The Siamese pastor's daughter, a graduate of the school, married to Dr. Toy's medical assistant, under a beautiful canopy erected by the bride's father. A Siamese band astonishing the ears of certain American travelers with the strains of "Marching Through Georgia." A royal guest, Prince Nara, the King's brother, making a hearty speech, during supper, to the effect that this is the first Christian Siamese wedding he ever witnessed, and he congratulates the missionaries on the good they are doing in "training his people for the higher and important relations of life." How poetic must it be to live in Bangkok!

THE first wedding ring ever made in Siam was for our Mrs. Peoples.

SHOULD suppose we would have heard from sundry other weddings by this time.

THERE are one hundred and fifty thousand Chinese in the United States, of whom ninety-three per cent. read and write.

THE Chinese Mission on University Place, New York, is under care of the Board of Foreign Missions, by whom the Rev. Huie Kin was placed in charge. With their consent, Mr. Huie has just brought twenty Chinese youth to this country, at the expense of their parents, to be educated in the day school of the mission, but with the distinct understanding that their parents and guardians are alone responsible for their tuition and maintenance, and interested friends of the mission will not be asked to support them.

IN the judgment of the Board, any plan to educate Chinese boys in a boarding-school in America and on American money would hazard both their own best interests and that of Christian work in China. Besides, there would be no bottom to it, for we might go on importing from Japan and Korea and Persia and Syria. The Church is neither prepared nor commanded to do this. If people come over here to study at their own charges, it is a different matter.

MISSION work for the Chinese is carried on in ten cities in California, in connection with the Assembly's and the Occidental Boards. Seventy-seven conversions reported last year; two women baptized. The working force includes Dr. and Mrs. Condit, who have completed twenty-five years in this service; two single missionaries, sixteen teachers and much volunteer assistance.

WAGES at Nodoa, Hainan, are nine cents a day for the best workmen, the carpenters.

WE hear of the filth of Chinese houses. Dr. Vanderburgh thinks "it would make most American men sick to walk through the market street" in Nodoa. He says "they kill cows and pigs right in the street and allow the blood to soak into the mud at their doors, making excellent media for all sorts of germs fatal to mankind. Their wooden shoes are built high so they can wade around."

TWO volunteers from Tasmania have gone out, one of them at her own charges, to take the places of the Saunders sisters who were martyred at Ku Cheng last summer. Thus the Church answers the challenge of the world "Why this waste?"

THE band of Vegetarians who murdered Mr. and Mrs. Stewart in Ku Cheng took a sheet from one of the beds, made a banner of it, and wrote on it, "China's dragon goes to war with Christian Jesus." But Jesus Christ will put the Chinese dragon under His feet with all His other foes when he comes to reign in righteousness.—*The Mission World.*

THE great Brahman philosopher and Christian saint, Nehemiah Goreh, died last October. In his youth he searched the Scriptures for the purpose of refuting them, but rose up from that study a new man. After his baptism, in 1848, he was cast out from his father's house. His life was one of self-denying piety; his missionary success chiefly among the highly educated. An English missionary says, in *The Mission World* (London) that the young Pundit came to him, after reading Jonathan Edwards on "The Freedom of the Will," to have some perplexities removed, and he does not remember to have been put to any mental strain more severe than in the two hours of that interview. Mr. Goreh's daughter is a zenana worker and the author of well-known hymns.

OUR MISSIONARIES ON HAINAN AND THE PACIFIC COAST.

Mrs. Frank P. Gilman,	Hoihow,	Island of Hainan,	China.
Mrs. C. C. Jeremiassen,	"	"	"
Mrs. H. M. McCandliss,	Kiungchow	"	"
Mrs. Paul McClintock,	"	"	"
Miss Etta Montgomery,	"	"	"
Miss Katherine L. Schaeffer,	"	"	"
Mrs. J. C. Melrose,	Nodoa,	"	"
Mrs. E. D. Vanderburgh,	Nodoa,	Island of Hainan,	China.
*Mrs. I. M. Condit,	911 Stockton St.,	San Francisco,	Cal.
Miss Culbertson,	920 Sacramento "	"	"
Mrs. E. A. Sturge,	234 Haight "	"	"
Miss Jessie E. Wisner,	920 Sacramento "	"	"
Mrs. W. S. Holt,		Portland,	Oregon.

*Not in formal connection with Woman's Boards.

A HOME MISSIONARY PROVIDENTIALLY RAISED UP FOR HAINAN.

MRS. UI, IN SWATOW HOSPITAL COURT.

SHALL I give you a few lines about our dear old Bible woman? Her name is Mrs. Uî, but as our children call her *A-fo* (grandmother) many others get in the habit of calling her so, too.

While we were visiting our friends of the English Presbyterian Mission in Swatow, last summer, I was one morning with the children behind the house, when an old woman passing by suddenly addressed our *amah*, asking, "Where are you from, you wear the same kind of earrings as the people of my native place?" From this beginning we discovered that this old lady, who was serving without pay as Bible woman in Swatow Hospital, was from Hainan; a native of Leng-tui on the south coast.

She married a Swatow merchant some forty years ago and followed him to his home, being then only twenty-four years old. About fifteen years ago, she was ill and was taken to the Swatow Hospital where she heard the Gospel preached. She accepted it at once as the truth. She had been from her youth one of those conscientious souls who, feeling the burden of her sin, tried many different ways to atone for it; worshiping this and that idol, fasting, giving away her money, and doing I don't know what else, but all in vain. I wish we oftener found such listeners. Missionary work would not then go on so slowly.

When Mrs. Uî once received the Gospel it became her precious treasure, and her burden and fears disappeared forever. Going home, she was the means of bringing her whole household to the Lord and started one of the most flourishing stations of the English Mission. A few years later one of her sons was lying very ill in the hospital; the doctor and all but herself had given him up. But she prayed and after the boy was restored, as she firmly believes in answer to her prayer, she felt that she could not do less than give herself entirely to the Lord's work and spread the news of salvation through Christ. She thus worked as a self-supporting Bible woman for twelve years. I am sending a picture of her selling her books in the Swatow Hospital court.

But her heart was always bent on going back to Hainan to take the blessed message to her own people and family. Several times she had tried to return, but the husband who brought her over was dead and she did not dare to go alone. So when she found us and heard we were going back there, she was very willing to follow us, though she left three children and five grandchildren in Swatow. She spent the winter with us in Kiungchow, where she brought many to Sabbath services and created a great interest among the women. Her simple way and earnest spirit gains the confidence of many, and wherever she goes the women crowd around and listen eagerly. She never seems tired of telling about her Master and there is nothing mercenary about her. The message she tells is her own experience, of a Saviour who died to save sinners and saved her. We are sorry that the bubonic plague which caused us to leave the city has created great consternation and thus, for a time, broken up this

work. Since our removal to Hoihow, Mrs. Uî has been visiting among the women here.

Now Mr. Jeremiassen is back from a four and a half months' trip in the southwest of the Island, and we are hoping ere long to remove our home to that distant field. We are also hoping, on our way down, to go to our friend, Mrs. Uî's home, near Leng-tui, where she longs so much to visit and to tell the story of Christ to her heathen relatives and friends.

Jean M. Jeremiassen.

MAP FACTS CONCERNING THE ISLAND OF HAINAN.

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Hainan is one of the largest Prefectures of Canton Province. It is fifteen miles from the main land; is 180 miles long by 130 broad. Population, 1,500,000, or one-fourth that of New York State.

About sixteen Chinese and Loi dialects are spoken, of which Hainanese is in most general use.

The highest peak, Red Mist Mountain, is 6,000 feet above the sea, and Five Finger Mountain is the pride of the Island. Its blue outline is seen at Nodoa in clear weather.

Hong Kong steamers arrive at the port three times a week, bringing flour, milk, butter, tea.

The Hainanese are chiefly farmers; they raise rice, sweet potatoes, turnips, melons, sugar cane, peanuts. A superior kind of maize is grown among the Loi. The Emperor forbids exportation of rice.

Cocoa nut palms are the insignia of the Island, its most conspicuous product, its banner scarcely ever out of sight. "Island of Palms," Hainan is sometimes called from the varieties as well as numbers.

The aboriginal Loi are people who can not read nor write, to whom a book is a mystery. They have no idols nor ancestral tablets. They are simple, gentle, toiling people, un-Chinese in appearance. The women tattoo themselves and weave cloth on hand looms.

The Miau Loi are neither Loi nor Chinese. They have no written language. They live among the foot hills, forty miles from the west coast, and came from the mainland two hundred years ago. They have a Treaty of Rights, written in Chinese and dated the year one. It declares the Miau free from taxes or ferry charges, forbids idol worship and directs them to worship the Creator.

Nodoa is 90 miles from the coast. Ladies have sometimes reached it by boat journey five days and three days more in sedan chair.

Lok-lah, where Mr. Jeremiassen has rented a house, is not seen on the map, but is near Ngai-Chiu on the south, in the midst of the Loi. A servant died of the plague in each mission family at Kiung Chow.

HAPPENINGS AT THE CHINESE RESCUE HOME, PORTLAND, OREGON.

Extracts from the Notebook of Mrs. M. E. Clarkson, Matron.

One morning near the last of September, 1893, as I answered the door bell, accompanying the Chinaman who brings food for the inmates of the Chinese Home I found one who asked permission to talk with me. He told a story (speaking our language quite well) which at once excited my interest. Not having had experience, I sent for Mrs. Preston, Vice-President of the North Pacific Board. She came and listened to him. He said, there was in a house in this city a girl, a relative of his, whom he wished to rescue and he desired our help. The girl was anxious to escape. He received assurance of help and left saying that he would return when it would be safe to make the attempt. Several days passed when he appeared again and asked if I would go with him, then. I told him I would be ready in an hour. He returned with a carriage, driving me to his consul's office. From there I went with Mr. S. to the police station. From there we were accompanied by the City Jailer to No. — Second St. "up stairs." After quite a little waiting, the jailer succeeded in rousing some one who unbarred the door and gave us admittance. As we entered, a Chinaman who looked as though he had partially slept off the effects of a drug appeared in a doorway. We walked down a long hall, on either side of which seemed to be rooms. From one at the further end, emerged a young Chinese girl dressed as though ready for departure. When she saw me her face lighted up and she beckoned to me. Mr. S. had asked me if I were sure the girl wanted to leave. When he saw Chen Moy's expression he was satisfied. She clung to me as though she felt safe under my protection. There were no unpleasant demonstrations in the house. We entered the carriage and were driven to the Chinese Home. Some time after, Hon Yoon called and asked me to accompany Chen Moy to the railroad station as he intended to take her to San Francisco, whence she desired to return to China. We went to the station under protection of a policeman. Hon Yoon did not appear. The train went at 6.15 and Chen Moy was still with me. We were driven to the police station, consulted the Chief, and by his advice I left Chen Moy there in charge of the police matron for the night. Later in the evening I was informed that Hon Yoon had been arrrested and was in jail being charged, by the man who claimed Chen Moy, with larceny of jewelry to the amount of four hundred dollars.

Sunday morning, October 1, Mrs. Holbrook, President of the Board took Chen Moy from the police station and brought her to the Home. On Tuesday, Hon Yoon was arraigned in court, to answer to the charge preferred against him. Myself and Chen Moy were subpœnaed as witnesses to prove that she left the house at — Second street of her own free will and desire. The case was won by Hon Yoon.

Chen Moy remained at the Home until October 5, when she left by steamer to sail for China within two days after reaching San Francisco. She had lovely winning ways and with good influences about her might become good and useful. She said she had been a long time watching for a way of escape.

By a plan drawn by a Chinaman I was directed to a "place up stairs" on Second Street where I found a Chinese girl, who had signified her desire to leave the life she had been compelled to lead. With a policeman as protector I went, having invited Mr. and Mrs. Wisner to accompany me. We found the girl had not changed her mind. Her name is Chow Ho. I have had her but a few days. She seems willing to adapt herself to the ways of the Home. Although I cannot speak to her, when I take her hand as she reaches it out to me, I feel there is sympathy between us; I am hoping we may do her good.

After receiving a telegram, notifying me that Susie Mowe had sailed from San Francisco, I went on board the steamer upon its arrival at 11.30 that night and brought her to the Home. I shall hope to find her a pleasant addition to our family where very much of love and harmony prevail.

The night before the two women Chow Ho and Susie left the Home for Tacoma, whence they sailed for China, Ah Woon asked permission to remain up until quite late. I learned afterward why she wished it. Chow Ho had asked her to write a letter to me which she would dictate. Her plan was to take it with her to China and send it to me from there. The whole thing was very pathetic to me: the writing of the letter in the "wee sma' hours" when I was locked in slumber; then the assurance that I

had made an impression that perhaps would be lasting, all combined to affect me much. The letter was received January 14, 1895.

When the girls (at the Home) knew that a baby had come to Lin Ho they directly set about preparing a present for it. Choy Lain made neckwear, Ah Woon some tiny shoes. I expressed a desire to have an interest in the presents and bought stockings which Ah Woon selected. I learned that the present must be sent before the baby was one month old, or bad luck would attend it. So four days previous we sent the presents. In return, came two dozen hard boiled eggs colored red, a roasted chicken, a large piece of roasted meat and a can of preserved ginger. A few days after I took the girls to see the baby. Lin Ho seemed very proud and happy. Since then the angels have taken it and I have wondered much how it would unfold and develop in the spirit world.

March 1, 1895. Ah Woon was invited to give a "Chinese Lullaby" at an entertainment given in the Grace M. E. Church entitled the "Lullaby of Nations." She was encored.

Ying Chen was baptized, after being told by Mr. Holt and Mrs. Dong Faiy the significance of it. She seemed to understand and desired the rite be administered. Meeting Mrs. Holt after the service, she remarked to me, as she laid her hand on Ying Chen, "If it were only this one saved, it would seem that one's work had not been quite in vain," and I could readily respond.

The girls are getting on nicely in their studies. Fon Gin has been in the home two months. She is learning to read words of one syllable.

Seid Back the Chinese merchant sent us four sacks of fine potatoes grown on his farm.

October 1, 1895, was quite a gala day with us. It was Fon Gin's birthday, being twenty years old. It was, too, Ying Chen's first anniversary here. During all the year she had not been able to celebrate her birthday, because she knew none, nor her age. She thinks she remembers, once when she was sold, of hearing some one say she was twelve, so we judge she is fourteen. I suggested that she adopt October 1st, the day of her rescue, as her birthday. She was pleased with the idea. Each girl in the Home gave her a little present. I think it was the happiest day of her life. She is learning rapidly; can recite the twos and threes of the multiplication table.

October 11, 1895. When the girls were told that the ladies talked of giving them a new floor in their kitchen and of having their rooms repaired, they exclaimed, "Oh, we hope they will have our rooms papered."

By the kindness of Chief Hunt, we spent a pleasant evening at the Exposition.

Not long since, at a union service held in the United Brethren Mission Room, a child not more than five years old, son of Moy Ling, Chinese Minister, came very near to me and looking up in my face, with a very grave expression asked, "Do you steal children?"

November 4, 1895. Fon Gin, who came to the Home in March last, accompanied by Mrs. Dong Faiy took the steamship Columbia for San Francisco, thence to sail for Hong Kong. Persuasion would not keep her, she was so anxious to go. The influence about her while here was for good. There was no outward renunciation of idols, but belief in them weakened as she learned of the Christian's God. At times her feelings seemed very tender and she would offer a little prayer in her language. We can but pray that the tiny spark may not go out in darkness.

The Christmas tide brought much genuine happiness to the girls in this Home. They were remembered abundantly by several ladies of the Board. We had a purely American dinner cooked by the girls, of which I partook with pride and satisfaction.

January 6, 1896. A Chinaman called to tell me of a woman whom he knew, who had expressed a wish to escape from the servitude in which she was held. He told me that if I should make an effort to rescue her and fail, she would be immediately sent away where she would never be found. I moved very carefully and quietly and was successful. I found Chief M — very willing to render assistance. Poor Wong Ho knows nothing of her parentage. She was enticed to America and sold to a woman in San Francisco where she lived for several years. The woman from whom I rescued her has been in her evil business for twenty years and is immensely rich from the proceeds. She went to San Francisco less than a year ago and bought this girl, paying $1,500 for her. I have been told that the Chinese woman who owned little Wong Ho, had been allowed to con-

tinue her traffic with no interruption for many years. The success attending our [rescue] effort is particularly gratifying. The girl is twenty years old. She seems happy and contented and so relieved to be released from the terrible bondage in which she was.

A NEWLY OCCUPIED STATION.

HOIHOW is the chief town on the Island of Hainan. Public attention was first directed towards it twenty-five years ago, when the question of opening the city as a treaty port was raised by the English consul. The town lies three miles from the harbor, across a shallow bay whose inner side shows at low tide (as in the cut) a broad stretch of slimy mud. It is only at high tide that passengers can reach the town by boat.

HOIHOW, PORT OF HAINAN ON THE NORTH.

Hoihow is a straggling town with one principal street. Sugar, oil and live pigs are the chief exports. Cocoa-nut ware, rattan, leather, betel nuts, salt fish, hides, tallow, are all articles of trade. The principal import is opium. The country is flooded with it. In some places the whole male population is addicted to it.

The surroundings of Hoihow are far from unattractive. Fine walks on either side of the bay reward the pedestrian. Old monuments attract the antiquarian. Game abounds, snipe and teal along the beach; deer, woodcock, jungle fowl a few miles inland. Toward the west rise the high grounds of Ta-ying-shan, covered with groves of trees, abounding in fresh spring water and open to the sea breeze all the year.—From *Ling-Nam*, chap. xvii., by Rev. B. C. Henry, D.D.

PROGRESS AT NODOA, HAINAN.

Two of the older students have conducted services in Mandarin with the masons who have been at work on Dr. Vanderburgh's house. Each Sunday services were held in three languages: Mr. Melrose taking the Hainanese, the regular preacher Mr. Tang, the Hakka service, and the two school-boys the Mandarin. In this way all the workmen, as well as our people, are able to hear the Gospel in their own tongue; average attendance was one hundred. Sunday-school was also conducted in three languages and four classes. Four women, the wives of Christians, have been baptized, making the total membership thirty-six.

I wish I were able to describe some of our Christian women. One almost fifty years old, has two grown-up sons, also Christian. When she entered the church, it was in defiance of her mother-in-law's threat to kill her. She walks five miles to church and always leads or carries her youngest child of seven, as well as often carrying one of her grand-children on her back. She is spoken of among the Chinese as a "wise woman" and one whose heart is "searching for knowledge." It is difficult for her to learn the character, and I have her taught Hakka Romanized, hoping that she may be able to read the Bible.

Since last October I have taken my husband's work in the boarding-school and had three hours' teaching each day, as well as all the study required for it. There have been twenty boys in the school; five are paying their board. The gentlemen went to Annual Meeting at Hoihow two weeks ago, leaving Mrs. Vanderburgh with the children and me here alone, it being perfectly safe* even though we are a hundred miles from other foreigners.

(*Mrs. J. C.*) *Margaret R. Melrose.*

* The last sentence speaks volumes for progress at Nodoa. It was not formerly safe for the station to be left without a man.—Ed.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION OF JAPAN AT OSAKA, APRIL 1895.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AROUND THE WORLD.

China.—Between Ningpo and Yü-yiao.

March 16, 1896.

As you see by my heading, we are on the road, or rather the river. We have a fleet of four house boats, and are on our way to Yü-yiao to attend a Christian Endeavor Convention. There are eight Chinese women in one boat. Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Cossum, of the Baptist mission, occupy another; Misses Rollestone and Cunningham and two Chinese women another, and Miss Morton, four of our school girls and myself the fourth. We have been praying very earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. The Christian Endeavor movement in China is growing and is proving a great blessing. We have three societies in Ningpo Church. The one to which I belong is composed mainly of young married women. We have our meetings on Sabbath afternoons. We do not have any of the dreadful pauses that are often experienced in home societies, when testimonies and prayers are asked for. Two of our number are appointed to go out every Sabbath to talk the doctrine among their neighbors, and we have some results. Two years ago we sent two to the home of a church member, whose wife was a heathen. She refused to listen, never came to church, nor would allow her son to go to our school. But prayers have been answered and she now attends church

services and allows her boy in school. As some of the women said, "It is a proof that God can change a heart of stone." Will you not remember the Christian Endeavor Societies in this land in your prayers?

Pearl Condit Shoemaker.

Hangchow, March 30, 1896.

C. E. is very hopeful in China. In connection with Hangchow and Ningpo Stations, with thirteen churches, we have about eighteen societies. In Hangchow church we have two, which have been in existence six months; each society has about twenty-five members. China is so different from America that it is not wise—in Chinese eyes it would be indecorous—to have the men and women in one meeting, if the women were to take part. Another difference is that our societies are not distinctively young people's; some Christians fifty, sixty, seventy years old are found in the society. But they are young in a sense, babes in Christ. They are little able to take part in prayer or speaking, but Christian Endeavor is proving just the means to bring them out. In six months we have seen a great advance, both in outward ability to work for Christ and in spiritual life.

March 17–19, we held a Presbyterian rally at Yü-yiao, near Ningpo. Reports were given from fifteen societies, with a membership of not far from four hundred. There were one hundred and fifty delegates in attendance. Addresses were given on the aims and methods of C. E., and on the gift of the Holy Spirit. As we parted, having prayed for the Spirit's power, the thought was presented that if, after this, the church does not prosper more than in the past, either it is because God is no more God, or because we are not willing to accept His help and do His work.

J. C. Garritt.

Ningpo.—The Christian Endeavor Society is very strict with its members, and is doing much to elevate the moral tone of the school. A member who uses improper language is required to confess at the weekly meeting, and if any have quarreled they must apologize at this time. Should any be disinclined to do this, the Society makes that person a subject for special prayer. A weekly collection is taken, and each week one of the girls goes out with the matron to "talk the doctrine."

Annie R. Morton.

Shanghai.—Junior Society reports sixty-seven members.

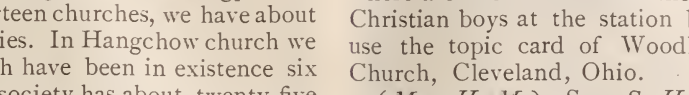
Chili, Valparaiso.—There are fifty active members of our Christian Endeavor Society. Five of them are (December, 1895) candidates for church membership, a number having already joined the church. We feel that the Holy Spirit is really present with us. The children gave $50 for foreign missions.

(*Mrs. J. F.*) *Emma Garvin.*

India, Mainpurie.—Christian Endeavor Society meets every Wednesday afternoon. There are twelve names on the roll. All the Christian boys at the station belong. We use the topic card of Woodland Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

(*Mrs. H. M.*) *Sara S. H. Andrews.*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PLEDGE IN LAO, BELOW.



Persia, Hamadan.—"C. E." in Faith Hubbard School includes twenty-five girls. Junior C. E. has as many more. They undertake to provide stockings for those in school too poor to provide their own.

Teheran.—Since noon I have had the C. E. meeting; business meeting to-day. Having racked my brain as to how to get hold of outside Armenian women and knowing of needy ones, I suggested an Aid Committee to help the poor, and knowing it would be difficult to get these women with their little children to gather in one place to sew, I suggested that each make some garment at home, the garments to be distributed by the Aid Committee. You would not believe how difficult it was to make them promise to do this, even when the material was to be given them. It would be easier for me to do all the work myself, but I believe a living, active C. E. Society here would be worth far more than my work, so I put before them my plans to open a meeting on Saturday for Jewish women, and called for volunteers to accompany me, simply to get their interest. A very few were willing. One woman said: "Well, if I go and get sick, will you nurse me?"

(*Mrs. J. L.*) *Hattie Riggs Potter.*

Laoland, Chieng Mai, April 7.—Last week witnessed the first Christian Endeavor Convention ever held within the bounds of the Kingdom of Siam. This important event occurred in the city of Chieng Mai and was a convention of the Lao Societies. The first

AN INDIA C. E. SOCIETY—AT DEHRA SCHOOL.

of them was organized Jan. 10, 1894. At this convention, held fourteen months later, fourteen societies were represented and twenty were reported with a total membership of six hundred and thirteen. The whole Christian population among the Lao people does not exceed 3,000.

The convention was particularly valuable in correcting erroneous ideas, so liable to appear in the beginning of any new work. For instance: Some presidents accepted the whole burden of their society, even work of the several Committees. This of course was harmful to growth. A notion prevailed in several societies that each member was pledged to take part at every meeting, both by reading Scripture and by prayer. These and other mistaken ideas were corrected largely through the medium of the Question Box. One question "Will one who is not an Endeavorer get to Heaven?" was repeated on successive days.

Prayer was a marked feature of the convention. To secret prayer for days and weeks beforehand and large prayer meetings in Chieng Mai Church for four nights previous, is no doubt attributable the manifest power and success of the meetings. In the midst of interesting reports, business was occasionally stopped for a few minutes of waiting upon God and then resumed.

Some of the delegates were two or three days on the road. The most distant society represented is eight days' journey from Chieng Mai. This delegate walked all the way, over mountain and plain, through forest and jungle, carrying his own food and bedding and sleeping where night overtook him. It was a heart-warming sight to see these bright-faced, earnest Christians. It was a beautiful sight, also, as they sat on the immense plain floor of the church, men on one side, women on the other, all clothed in white coats and jackets and wearing their bright red badges of membership. The singing was spirited. "Showers of blessing," "God be with you till we meet again," and the Endeavor Hymn were favorites. We hope and believe this convention means much for the future.

(*Dr.*) *J. W. McKean.*

Lakawn.—Lakawn Church has one Endeavor Society of fifty active members, but the Junior day is coming. So, Juniors, just look out for the Laos regiment. We are coming! These little dark-skinned brothers and sisters are learning of Jesus and his love and some day, I trust, will bring him whole-hearted service. At our Annual Mission Meeting, nine missionaries stood up who are supported by Christian Endeavor money.

Julia Hatch.

HAINANESE WOMEN AS SEEN AT THE DISPENSARY.

[Total attendance at Nodoa Dispensary last year was 3,428.]

THE needs of women of Hainan have been brought before me in a vivid way through Dr. Vanderburgh's work here in Nodoa.

The first time I visited the dispensary an old woman came covered with bruises, the result of a beating her husband had given her for not having his rice cooked when he demanded it. Her hardened face showed that she did not expect much in life.

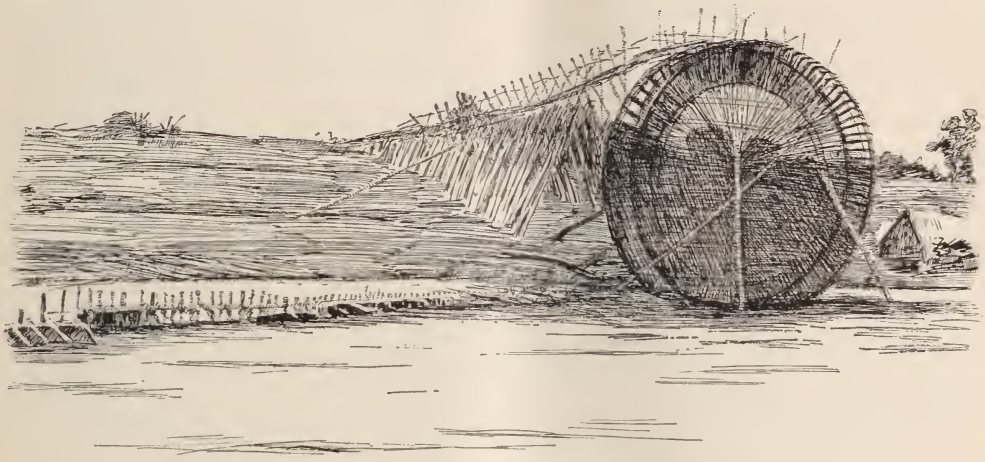
Another woman wanted her ear sewed up. She had been fighting with a neighbor and it ended by the neighbor catching her by the large ear ring, which these women wear, and tearing it from her, taking part of the ear with the ring. She did not seem at all ashamed of the fact that she had been fighting, and begged to have some other color than white for a bandage, as it was New

Year's time and white is their color for mourning.

A few days ago a woman applied for a remedy for a disease that is certainly out of the reach of a doctor's lotions. She had walked a great many miles to find the foreign physician, for she had a son and daughter-in-law who quarreled from morning till night, and she wanted to give them some medicine that would make their hearts more peaceful. Dr. Vanderburgh told her that none of his medicines had that much-to-be-desired power, but if her son and daughter would come and listen to the Gospel they would soon learn of a sure cure for their trouble. She seemed quite disappointed, for of course she knew nothing of Him who has power to soften hard hearts. Our Hainanese teacher then suggested a remedy. He told her to go home, get two women to cook a bowl of rice each and, each one taking a different road, both make their way to the home of the two belligerents, then clap the bowls of rice together and compel the man and his wife to eat it all. After that they would never quarrel. He announced this remedy in all sincerity, but it was hard to believe that an educated man could have faith in such nonsense.

They all need to have their eyes opened that they may see. These women need Christ in their homes. And we need the Holy Spirit in our hearts as we work among them, that we may really love these unlovely women and be fit to lend them a helping hand.

Eleanor B. Vanderburgh.



IRRIGATING WHEEL, COMMON NEAR KIUNGCHOW, HAINAN.
Drawn by Mrs. Gilman.

One of the commonest sights of the Deng-ag River (see map) is the big irrigating wheel. It is used to elevate the water of the river over the banks, to the fertile rice fields beyond. The wheel is turned by the current of the river, which is collected by means of a dam across it. The water is raised in joints of bamboo attached to the rim of the wheel, so that they will empty when they reach the top as the wheel revolves. Each joint will hold nearly a gallon and each wheel, at moderate speed, raises quite a stream of water.

F. P. Gilman.

CALIFORNIAN AND OTHER CHINESE MET ON A COUNTRY TRIP.

I have at last made my trip into the country and am now on my way home. I left Canton ten days ago, one of the women from the training school and our former cook with me. The passage boat had been newly repaired and painted, and according to some superstition they were not willing for the first month to give a room to only three people. It was lucky to have the room crowded. So we had trouble in getting our little room.

The boat anchored at San Cheng at two or three in the morning, but we concluded not to bestir ourselves until day light. The preacher came down to the boat to see us and said that Fong Ki was expecting us at his village. So we took a boat that Mr. Fulton is in the habit of using, for this is Mr. Fulton's parish. We felt that we were in safe hands with the boatman, his wife and baby. When we reached Chung Wan, Fong Ki was start-

ing out marketing. He took us right to his house. His mother, brother and two sisters-in-law gave us a welcome. They took us to the next village where a returned Californian invited us to his house. The man is not a Christian but we held a meeting there, the incense burning all the time. A house full of women came in and we all took our turn in addressing them.

Next day we went to Weng Lok, three miles up the stream. Up to this time it had been raining, but that day was beautiful. There was not a cloud in the sky, and it was a luxury after the rain and cramping in boats to be walking in clear sunshine between fields which later will be full of rice. I started to say we walked *through* fields, but that was impossible as they were flooded with water, and we would have been knee deep in mud if we had attempted it. Fong Ki's sister-in-law dressed up in her best and went with us. She had not been married a year and so had quite a little finery. Her hair dressing was trimmed with artificial flowers, she had on a bright blue mohair jacket and dark skirt. She raised her umbrella if she thought any men were going to look at her. Her husband has been in California and expects to return there. He chose his wife for himself. As he wished to have a Christian he went to the school in Hong Kong for one. Weng Lok was reached at last, and the people remembered me. The old lady who had entertained us was out at the back of the village, frying things in the open space, and came forward and took us to the house, inquiring after those who had gone there before. A crowd followed us and we had a little meeting, each talking in turn and singing several hymns. I was sorry the man Tam was not at home. He used to be Mrs. Thwing's pupil in Brooklyn, N. Y., and had professed Christianity, but after returning to his native place had found he could not encounter persecution and had not acknowledged his former profession. I wanted to urge him to remember Mrs. Thwing's instruction and prayers. I left a message for him and then we went back to Chung Wan.

On the way we stopped to talk to a company of women, and had quite a little audience by the wayside. The next day we went about a mile to visit two Christian sisters in Tung Hong, members of the Congregational Church. The husband has been in California. Five years ago I went there with Mrs. Thwing. We had a meeting together. These two Christian families alternate for Sabbath services, one Sunday at Chung Wan, the other at Tung Hong.

From Tung Hong we took boat for San Cheng. It was five o'clock when we got there. We cooked our supper and spread ourselves out for the night. We did not care to go up to this town lest we should get a shouting rabble at our heels. Before daylight our boat started and it was about dark when we reached Shun Kok. The old boatman, a Tsoi, went up to the chapel to announce our arrival and when he came back and said the chapel was locked, I was quite mystified as to what we were to do next. A man said the preacher had gone to his village and the chapel was not a fit place for a woman to stay, being in the market where there were many roughs. After a good deal of talking to cross purposes, it dawned upon my mind that the real chapel was a mile from the river, and this place was only for street preaching. By this time it was dark. Two men had come out to see us, and I said I wanted to call some one to carry our bedding. "Oh, that would never do; they did not know who was to be trusted, but *they* would take pleasure in carrying our things." It turned out one was a member of the Wesleyan church and worked in a shop near by, the other, a member of our church, a boy of twenty, who sold salt fish for a living. So we lighted a lantern and set out on our muddy walk. The men seemed pleased to assist us, and when we got to the place would not think of taking pay. I was quite ashamed, as I had expected to pay them.

The basket weaver and his wife were at home, the old man with his hymn-book before him, though I soon learned that every hymn went to the same tune. When we found we had got to the right place for the night we were thankful. The empty school-room was given us and we took possession. The elder, who has been a Christian for a number of years, lives in the chapel. He used to have a shop in Chek Hom, but, years ago, that business was broken up by persecution and he was taken before the magistrate for Christ's sake. Shun Kok is his native place, and his old mother, ninety-eight years old, lives in the adjoining village. The chapel is separated from the village by a grove of bamboo, which is his. From this grove he gets bamboo for his baskets. He also does some farming, raising rice and other vegetables.

Saturday, Lai Chi Po came to see us bright and early. She is an elderly woman on whose eyes I operated for cataract, several years ago. She has always lived in this vil-

lage and when she became blind, having no children or means, she begged for a living. She became a Christian five years ago, and Dr. Thomson brought her to the hospital where she stayed three months till she had good vision in both eyes. I must confess I thought her at that time a stupid woman and never seemed to get anything out of her. When I heard Mr. Fulton say that the brethren had contributed two dollars a month to support her in helping in the church work, I wondered what she could do. But I found that in her own place and in her own dialect she quite blossomed out. She was very happy to see me and read her primer all through. She took us around calling with the greatest glee, announcing to every one that I was the doctor who had cured her eyes. She took us to her house and it soon filled up with people, so we had quite a time to talk.

Sunday the preacher, who used to be a sorcerer, came, and a number of others, and we had services. The preacher asked me to speak but I thought it not best.

Monday, Lai Chi Po escorted us three miles away to see the mother of Kim Oi, one of my little blind pupils. I carried my umbrella for fear of sun and put a wet handkerchief on my head. Our guide was in gay spirits and seemed to know everybody by the way. She was very ready to tell the little she knew, and I was surprised to see how much that was. As soon as we appeared, Kim Oi's mother commenced to wash sweet potatoes and put on to boil for us. It is a very common lunch, but, if for the two meals of rice are substituted sweet potatoes, the people consider themselves very poor. All the neighbors came in till the house was full. There was a woman who had lived in San Francisco. She understood very well and her daughter of fifteen was a bright looking girl who wanted a book. Kim Oi's mother brought out the sweet potatoes and we all sat down and ate and drank her tea. I thought it would be nice for Kim Oi to leave Canton and come home for a month, but her mother said they had not rice enough now, but if she came in the eighth month they would have rice.

On our return journey a girl called us to stop and see her mother's eyes. The woman had granular lids and the Chinese doctor on Mr. Fulton's boat had treated her, much to her satisfaction. We told her she must come out to Shun Kok as I had no medicine with me. I saw a number of patients there, under a large tree which was full of small boys who had climbed up to get a better view. The woman had brought out a pot full of hot tea, so we partook of her hospitality, the spirit of which I truly appreciated, and wished we had more time to talk with the crowd of women and children which had gathered. We chose a shorter route home, but we had a bridge to cross. I said I was not afraid of a bridge, so on we went. However, when I saw it I was rather frightened, as part of the way it consisted of only one beam on which to walk. There was a bamboo support to the hand on one side. I was thankful when I got across without catching my skirts anywhere.

The next day we started home, a good many following us a little way, Tong Ying's mother among the rest. The water was being drawn off some of the fields and in places there was quite a rivulet to cross. I had overshoes but I wondered how the Bible woman would manage, so, seeing a stone by the pathway, I quickly picked it up and laid it in the stream for her to step upon. The children screamed out "it's an idol," and looked at me horror-struck, and there was an old woman sitting by the roadside with her offerings worshiping it. I was very sorry I had done it, but the stone had no distinguishing mark that I could see, and it never occurred to me that the old lady was at worship. A Shin used it for her stepping stone and Tong Ying's mother came and set it back in its place.

About half way back we stopped at the village of a Christian pair, but the husband was in California and the wife in Canton. Everybody was out at work, but Lai Chi Po collected a crowd to come in and listen to the doctrine. They brought us tea and cakes and I was glad of them. They were round like cookies, made of parched rice flour and a little sugar. They had the flavor of popped corn and were hard as gingersnaps. We stopped to see a patient or two on our way. When we got home found quite a number waiting for us who had come with the woman with the granular lids. I hastened to treat them as they had a long walk to get home. Next morning before we had our rice, they were back again for a second treatment, much to my surprise. I told them I wished they cared as much for the interest of their souls as they did for their eyes.

This last day it rained and we went to visit some of the church members, a mile away. I saw a blind child whose mother wanted me to take it, but did not want to pay passage to Canton. Lai Chi Po says they are very poor and the father smokes opium, and the

mother begs a living. She is afraid the mother will throw the child into the river. She has known several in that vicinity to drown their blind daughters. We came here, wet as to outer garments and my shoes wet, which was a misfortune as I had not brought another pair. Tai So took them to the kitchen to dry and burned a hole in them.

Thursday, Lai Chi Po came at daylight bringing us cakes, oranges and tea, so I asked if she had slept at all, as she had gone to market for us the evening before, and not left us till late. The old elder, aided by another Christian man, carried my things down to the river. He must present me a chicken too, and just before we left we had prayers, as we had every evening. He was stuck in his reading at the verse, "I suffer not a woman to teach," and asked me if I would explain it.

About one, we reached Chek Hom. I had heard it was a rough place and hated to go up, but one of the graduates from the medical class came down and said it was all quiet. So I went to his house. Nobody noticed me and I was very glad I went. He had rented a large shop and was comfortably situated. They have service in the house every Sabbath, and sometimes he leads, sometimes his wife. The Wesleyans have a chapel in town, but the Presbyterians do not. He used to rent a place for a chapel, but it had been torn down. Nevertheless the Doctor talks the doctrine to his patients. He has several beds for in-patients. He put on the molasses kettle and stirred in parched rice flour and made cakes for me to eat. His brother has gone to San Francisco to preach.

I was sorry not to accept the invitation to stay a few days in their village, but felt I must hurry home before Sabbath.

Mary West Niles.

On Sz Tau River, towards San Cheng, Canton Province, Feb. 29, 1896.

From an excellent article in a recent number of the *Evangelist* about the Chinese population in New York City and vicinity, we take the following statements: There are 10,000 Chinese of whom 500 are in Sunday-school and 200 are professing Christians. Besides schools in connection with many individual churches, there are special missions, Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist.

The Presbyterian Mission, at 14 University Place, enrolls fifty-one men. Thirty of them constitute an "Evangelical Band" having rooms in Chinatown, where they hold meetings every Sunday night from 9 P. M. to 1 A. M. The Chinese Missionary Society continues to support a preacher in China and now pledges the support of a second preacher. A day school, Sunday-school, five services on Sunday, a Young Men's Christian Association, are all agencies of this important mission. Twelve men were hopefully converted last year.

LITTLE CONGO POLLY.

The March number of *The Missionary* (Presbyterian Church in U. S.) contains a letter from Dr. Snyder, of their Congo Mission, recording the death of Polly. That sends us to our Africa pigeon-hole where for two years has been stored a little sketch written by Mrs. Snyder, and never printed so far as we know. Here it is:

Little Polly cannot be more than nine, and is small for that. She is not pretty but she is bright and smart as steel, has tiny hands, slender limbs, and a sweet hearty laugh. She sings prettily, too, and we just let her sing and laugh to her heart's content. When I first got her, less than six months ago, she had just been redeemed from slavery and was a little savage; you could not call her anything else. She had never seen a chair or known what a table was.

I wish you could have seen Polly with her first dress—a little Mother Hubbard belted in at the waist; what a happy little girl it made her. Up to that time it seemed that she did not know how to smile even, and she was so stupid. "Dear me," I thought, "will I ever make anything out of this child," and now we would not part with this mite for anything. You would be surprised to know all the things she can do, and many of them she has taken up of her own accord, out of pure love for us. She rarely needs one word of reproof. Sometimes I see her, while wiping a plate, dancing around the table in the veranda and singing her native airs, at other times she is singing in her sweet little treble "I am so glad that Jesus loves me," this of course in the native language.

And now *The Missionary* says: "Our little Polly has gone to her last home; dying from blood poison superinduced by 'chigoe' bites. She was a patient sufferer, always ready to talk of Jesus. Polly came to us over two years ago, a veritable heathen, but, thank God, she left us a bright Christian."

ISLAND OF HAINAN, CHINA.

MRS. GILMAN having been detained several weeks by illness, in Canton, on her return journey, wrote from HOIHOW, March 30:

We were very glad to get safely back to our Hainan home after the long journey and many changes. . .

We are now living in a rented house at Hoihow, and Mr. Gilman has been appointed to look after the work of building the new hospital and other buildings that have really been begun. The land has been purchased and the deeds are officially stamped, and it is by common consent of people and officials that we are at last able to put up buildings. We have much to encourage us in Hainan. It is so open—and there are more workers. The meetings are so much better attended.

At Kiung Chow the plague has been prevailing, and many souls have been taken. We know many of these had heard of their Saviour and some believed in Him. Dr. McCandliss has gone daily from Hoihow to Kiung Chow, a distance of four miles, and given relief to those who were willing to receive it.

Mr. Leverett has lately gone to (live in) Nodoa. Mr. Jeremiassen is back from the Loi country.

At Hoihow, while people are very ready to hear us and receive us into their homes, there are still many who are afraid of us and do not trust us. In the girls' day school are gathered a few who are learning of the Gospel, and how to read the precious truth. The teacher is the nurse that dear Flora loved, "My sweetest *Amah*." She is called, now, Ho Lang, as that is the name of her village and is more dignified than "*Ahmah*." Large Sunday gatherings of women and children are instructed by Mrs. McClintock, Miss Montgomery and Miss Schaeffer. No one knows what a blessing it is to have such workers among us. There are services now for all, and there certainly is much interest shown by a few, along with the great sea of idolatry and superstition that is around and about us.

MISS SCHAEFFER wrote from HOIHOW, to her Society of Christian Endeavor in America:

The weather under certain conditions is an interesting topic of conversation; it is so with us at present, for after twenty nine days of almost continuous rain, the sun is beaming forth and we feel justified in reminding one another that the sun is shining. It is said that the dogs of Szechuan bark at the sun when it appears, just as they do at any other stranger; we thought the Hainan dogs might do the same, but a walk through the streets yesterday convinced us that they still prefer to direct their attention to us foreigners.

VISITING AND VISITED, FOR THE LORD.

We are just getting back to regular work after Chinese New Year. Though we have no special desire to celebrate, we are obliged to change our plans for a month or more, because all Chinese take a grand holiday of two weeks and are busy with preparations for weeks before. One of our friends who had been in the habit of coming to our meetings told us frankly that she had now no time to worship God.

On certain days during the New Year season, it is proper for women to call, and we embraced that opportunity for making new friends. We also received calls, a work that we are anxious to build up, though it is a trying one because callers often come at inopportune times. But we have resolved to consider every woman that comes to us, as sent by the Lord, *at that time*, so we lay away the book or unfinished letter, and often postpone the mid-day meal in order to devote ourselves to guests. We make an effort to teach every woman whom we meet something of the truth.

INSTRUMENTALITIES.

The ladies of this station started a little school last November. As our pupils are all heathen, we are not so anxious for new pupils as for proper training of those we now have. Gospel services are held twice a week for women of the school and neighborhood, and on Sundays the rabble of children is invited in for Sunday-school. About fifty of these are gradually being tamed into something like order. We have texts printed on cards and, when they have four text cards, we give them picture cards (I wonder if you could not

make up a package of S. S. or advertising cards, and send them to me by mail). We received a map of the world yesterday, with names of countries in Chinese characters. We hope now to teach our pupils something of the size of the earth as compared with the size of China. Many of them have no idea but that China is nearly all the world, and therefore a Chinese custom is looked upon as well-nigh universal. The cruel custom of foot binding would lose some of its power if the relative importance of China were better understood. For instance, one of the more intelligent women remarked that she had heard there were thirty countries and in only one did women bind their feet.

Three gentlemen of the mission have been making efforts to get off on itinerating trips. Each man needs a coolie to carry books and tracts, a few clothes and blankets. The more experience the gentlemen have, the less luggage they want to take with them. They all prefer going afoot—taking a wheelbarrow occasionally from one town to another by way of a rest. Itinerating work is very important in removing prejudice and fear, and in scattering the Word of God in remote regions. We ladies confine our efforts to places near the station. When I have occasion to travel into the country in the future, I expect to wear Chinese clothes, so as to be less of a curiosity and have better opportunity for quiet talk by the way.

SIAM.

VILLAGE WORK.

MRS. ECKELS, of PETCHABURE, wrote on board a four-oared boat, with "house" part 6 x 4 ft., March 11:

Our boat is now tied up in a canal which is the main street of this country village. Rice fields lie around almost as far as you can see, and all the people are farmers. We left home yesterday morning and, though we are only about twelve miles in a direct line from Petchaburee, did not reach here until this morning. The canal is tortuous and can only be entered at flood tide. After breakfast on the boat, we walked across the rice fields upon high dykes which separate them, to Ban Pai, another village a mile and a half distant, where some church members live. We visited them in their homes and told them of the services to be held to-morrow. The fields are dry, bare and brown, and and we found it very hot walking back. The rice crop was almost a failure in this section this year and many people who usually have plenty are now very poor. Our services are held in a shed. Mr. Eckels has been waiting for a convenient time for the members to rebuild the chapel, which had to be taken down last year because of decaying timbers. He hopes to arrange with them, this time, to rebuild soon.

Besides this church there are the two churches at Bangkaboon and Paktalay that we visit frequently. We usually leave home Friday and spend three or four days including Sabbath, when two, sometimes three, services are held for older people and I have services for the children. Much of my time is spent in getting ready for a boat trip or in straightening up after returning, but this is my work and I am satisfied.

Since Annual Meeting I have had charge of the Boys' School and when at home try to spend an hour each day in the school room, teaching arithmetic classes. During the year thirty pupils were enrolled, fourteen of whom were boarders. The day before we left, we closed school for the yearly two months' vacation and all the boarders except two have gone to their home, so it is quiet on our side of the compound.

INTRODUCING THE GOSPEL ACROSS COUNTRY.

In January, Mr. Eckels and Mr. McClure made a tour through two provinces on the south, and were gone about three weeks. They took two ox carts to carry their accoutrements: tent, medicines, provisions, sciopticon, Bible picture-roll, bedding and clothing. Besides Nai Boon, the evangelist, they took two coolies to cook and help with the tent. They walked themselves and had many trying experiences, but both kept well and found opportunities at every stopping place for teaching. Water was scarce, and much of it not very good. Part of the way was through a jungle where tigers abound, but they saw nothing but a harmless antelope and some chickens. Of the latter they shot several and enjoyed them very much. At one place they ate beef from a cow which had been killed by a tiger a few hours before; that is as near as they came to meeting his royal highness. At one place Mr. Eckels vaccinated seventy-six persons. As soon as they reached Kooil they telegraphed that all were well. They had been gone ten days and we had received no news from them, so their messages were read with joy and gratitude to our Father. They spent two or three days there preaching and teaching.

On their way home, when within about sixty miles they decided to walk on ahead and so left the carts early Friday morning, Mr. Eckels carrying his grip, and Mr. McClure and the coolie a lunch basket. They walked along the sea shore between forty and fifty miles, part of the way through soft sand, and could hardly drag themselves the last of the way, their feet were so badly blistered. They slept in the summer house of an official and next morning had a breakfast, native style, at the home of one of the school boys. They were so stiff they tried to hire a cart to bring them the rest of the way, but they tried in vain, so they toiled on ten more weary miles. At dinner time they stopped in the shade near a house and sent for a drink. The woman there was most kind. She boiled rice for them and made plenty of tea. Mr. Eckels says that rice never tasted quite so good as the swimming bowlful she served him. He calls her their good Samaritan. We were surprised to see them come limping in about five o'clock that evening. Mr. Eckels could not wear his shoes for about a week.

This is the first trip that has ever been made across the country to those cities and many listened to the story of salvation for the first time. I am sure you will pray much for us that we may be diligent in teaching God's Word. Pray with us for the great mass of Siamese, who are still in darkness. Pray also for those who have professed to love our Saviour, that they may be established in the faith and made strong to war a good warfare.

CHINA.

MISS ELFRIDA A. LINDHOLM five months after her arrival wrote from the South Gate, SHANGHAI, April 6:

It is such a joy to be here, and the joy grows day by day as one learns to understand the people and talk to them a little. Yesterday was Easter Sunday and we had our little chapel decorated with flowers. The school girls and boys had practiced Easter hymns which they sang unusually well. The Chinese have at this time one of their greatest festivals. They have long idol processions and worshiping of ancestors at their graves. We did not think we would get many of the heathen in to our service, but we had a good number and they listened attentively.

The Chinese need not be taught to believe in the devil or in hell. They have a strong realization of the presence and personality of the devil. They have books with awful pictures illustrating the judgment of dead men's spirits and their successive sufferings in the nether world corresponding to ill-doings in this life. Indeed, since I have come here, I have understood better that this life is just a battle between light and darkness; that we are the soldiers of Christ and must put on the whole armor of God in order that we may overcome.

IN THE NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF—

The boys' boarding school has about fifty pupils. The oldest have joined the church, some are hoping to study for the ministry. They take their turns to go down and work in a street mission not far from us. The girls' school has thirty pupils. Besides their study, they make their own clothes, do all the housework and almost all the cooking. They are perfect examples of neatness, and are in every way superior to the heathen girls. We have a class of women inquirers and the girls like to talk with them and instruct them. Then, we have six day schools in this neighborhood, whose teachers are graduates from the boarding schools, mostly girls. About 120 little children are taught the Christian doctrine in these schools. Most of them come from heathen homes and they seem so happy to learn and give evidences that the seed that is planted is taking root. I do pity the little girls with the pained expression on their faces on account of their bound feet. I am preparing to take up active work in these schools. Do pray for me that my tongue may be unloosed and that I may have wisdom and judgment.

JAPAN.

DISTANCE LENDS ENCHANTMENT.

MRS. AMY SAXTON FULTON wrote from FUKUI, April 26:

. . . There are beautiful places in Japan, but not in the cities, towns or villages. From a distance, a quaint-looking little village nestling at the foot of a high green hill gives a great charm to the landscape, but when you have descended from the heights into the one narrow street, the charm has departed and you can hardly believe it to be the same place. In cities we find at the back of the house one or more pleasant rooms opening on a small, well kept flower garden. The kitchen is almost always in the front of the house, near the street. Hardly any houses, in Fukui at least, have a second story.

BRINGING JAPANESE INTO THE HOME.

It was impossible to get the school girls, outside of Christian families, to come to the preaching place for Sunday-school, so I invited them to meet at our house on Sunday afternoon, which they were quite willing to do. I have an interesting class of ten young girls from fourteen to seventeen years of age. I hope I may be able to show them the way to obtain true peace through Jesus our Saviour. This year, for the first time, I am trying to speak to the women and girls in their own language. Hitherto I have had an interpreter, but find it so much pleasanter to be able to talk directly to them. My meeting for women is in the evening, as many cannot come in the daytime. About twenty, young and old, gather at our house for this. They will not talk of their doubts and difficulties before each other, so I try to visit them in their homes and learn what has impressed them, and where they need further help.

Last Saturday we had a Sabbath-school social especially for the children. About eighty came and joined as heartily in the games as American children would. It seemed to be as much of a treat to my little folks as to the Japanese children, they have so few opportunities to enjoy the companionship of other children.

A WELCOME RAILROAD.

This summer we are promised a railroad to be completed as far as Fukui. Now we are compelled to take a ride of forty miles by *jirinkisha* to the nearest station. This takes eight or nine hours; it will be less than two hours by rail. The road by *jirinkisha* is along the sides of the mountain, sometimes cut into the cliffs that rise out of the sea. Since the floods of last year the road has been really dangerous in several places, and severe accidents have occurred. The latest and to us the most dreadful happened to one of our own Mission—Rev. Mr. Porter of Kyoto.

BRAZIL.

MRS. FINLEY wrote from LARANGEIRAS, Feb. 28:

. . . . A sweet baby girl came to me December 17, and after four short happy weeks, God took

her to Himself again. She was sick only a few days. The little coffin was carried twelve miles on the head of a man to our chapel at Lavendeiras, Mr. Finley and some friends accompanying on horseback. Miss Hough directed the service. We trust the memory of that brief precious life will inspire and encourage us to do more for Christ than we have ever attempted before.

Our work is encouraging. We are asking God and the New York Board to send a missionary to us. Service has been held in three different parts of town this week, all well attended. A fourth service will be held to-night, by request, in another part of town. Our people are working well for a much needed church building. Our members are poor. One woman does our washing for a living, another does the ironing, and one of the most faithful contributors is a poor widow who lives in a small mud-house and does not possess a chair, bed or table. We have monthly meetings when men, women and children bring contributions. Every third month we have mite boxes. You would laugh over our artistic boxes. I bought empty spool boxes, sewed them up and cut a hole on top. Our church will not cost over two thousand dollars. Could you not interest some societies to the point of helping, or would it be contrary to the rules of the Board? Money or benches, lamps, an organ or a bell, in fact any offering would be acceptable.

The only Protestant sugar planter in the State is a member of the Lavendeiras congregation and is liberal.

The school house was sold in January and possession demanded. After three weeks' fruitless search for a suitable house, a friend loaned Mr. Finley one that accommodates Miss Hough, the two Brazilian teachers and one girl, for three months. The preaching hall and two other rooms in our house are used at present for the school. We have a number of Roman Catholic children from the best families.

Ten days ago I made a short journey interior with Mr. Finley. We were absent from home five days, and rode seventy miles on horseback. I noticed an improvement in the believers since my visit three years ago, and rejoiced to see at service two Catholics, wives of Christians who at that time would not attend.

I wish you could have seen our party. Mr. Finley uses a leather arrangement that fits over the saddle and has pockets where he carries his clothing. He mounted on that with our two-year-old boy in front and his nurse behind. Then followed a lady friend and myself on white horses. Next, a pack horse with a hide-covered trunk roped on each side of a wooden frame; last, an old man who cared for the horses and showed us certain unknown roads, with a child in front.

MEXICO.

Mrs. Mary McOuat Wallace writes from "Next Door to Paradise," Saltillo, May 6:

We are at home at last and in Saltillo. When Mr. Boyce resigned, he recommended that Mr. Wallace be sent here, and as Board and Mission seemed agreed, we came. I am more than happy. With Miss Johnson and Miss Wheeler in the school, which is in the same block with our house, I cannot get very lonely, as I certainly did in Chilpancingo. This school of forty bright girls is as encouraging a bit of work as I have seen in Mexico. It is the cheeriest, busiest, most home-like school I ever saw and run so harmoniously, just as if the two teachers were one person. The mission could not afford to lose Mr. and Mrs. Boyce, and it was very hard for them to give up a work in which they have been so many years.

OLD "HULL HOUSE" AND TOURISTS.

Saltillo is a nice little town and, as you see from the heading, we think the mission house next door to Paradise after old "Hull House." It was a dear old Hull after all, and I got quite attached to its adobes and bugs. A railroad is being built in Guerrero and in the course of time will run through Chilpancingo on to Acapulco. Who knows but Hull House, once so famous as the abode of two forlorn missionaries, may in a few years become a center of civilization. Imagine the corner I used for a kitchen being turned into a common eating house for swarming tourists, who at certain seasons infest this fair land like locusts. Egypt's plagues are nothing compared with the average mob of tourists who show little sympathy with Mexican or missionary. Some of them go to bull fights on Sunday, eat greasy Mexican food and then go home and criticise the missionaries for living in luxury when they wouldn't live in this "heathenish country" a year if they could have the Castle of Chapultepec with President Diaz's income. These are common tourists. Others are lovely and look into all the nooks and corners of missions and cheer us, instead of making us righteously indignant. We wish the other kind would stay at home, and not come swooping down like barbarians from the north with their rude manners, setting such a bad example before our polite Mexicans.

Baby is the youngest member of our mission and not quite three months old. He has attended a meeting of Presbytery at Toluca and traveled *via* Aguas Calientes from Mexico City to Saltillo. He is, like his mother, a moving missionary and, to sum all up, is worth his weight in Mexican silver, at least

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Dr. Mary Eddy writes from Khyam, Syria, April 29:

So many persons have sent money for the poor in Syria that if you would just put in a line for me in Woman's Work it would save me many letters We are giving the people work. Here in Khyam eleven of our congregation are taking stones out of the ground with which we will raise a wall around our church premises, keeping out thieves and cattle. In Ain Kunyeh we buy stones of the burnt houses and build up the front of the cliff on which the church stands so as to give employment to the needy. In Mejdel also, we build a wall around the church premises.

HOME DEPARTMENT

PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST MEETING—KOREA.

"The political situation does not hinder the spread of the Gospel."—Mrs. Gifford, of Seoul.

1. Hymn.
2. Prayer.
3. Business.—(Usually neglected in August.)
4. Brief Review of Opening of Korea to Protestant Christianity.
5. Celebration of Decennial of American Missions in Korea { *Gospel in all Lands*, January, 1896. / *The Chautauquan*, January, 1896.
6. Hymn.—"Bringing in the Sheaves."
7. Outlook for the Next Decade in Korea.
8. Read { Mrs. Isabella Bishop, in Woman's Work, April, 1896. / Letters (p. 134), May, 1896.
9. Conversation—On the Ministry of Healing in Korea, Led by Mrs. ———— (previously appointed).
10. Summary of General Assembly Reports.—1895 (excellent) and 1896.
11. Items Up to Date.
12. Closing.—Lord's Prayer in Concert.

Additional Question Exercises for Young People:

1. Give different names for Korea. 2. Location. 3. Family customs. 4. Kind of mourning worn. 5. Which of the family rises first in the morning? 6. How does a boy announce his engagement to marry? 7. Name mission stations. 8. How did Dr. Allen begin work in Korea? 9. Who baptized the first convert to Christianity? 10. How is the Sabbath observed? 11. Are missionaries reaching *all* classes?

[The time for meeting is so short that, unless it is for beginners, it does not seem profitable to spend it in studying climate geography, &c., only so far as is actually necessary to understand the work.]

Jacksonville, Ill. (*Mrs. A. B.*) *Josephine Morey.*

ASKED FOR.

North India.—Rev. M. M. Carleton: A few days ago we received a parcel from England containing fifty garments for the poor. Nearly all were made of warm, soft material and just large enough for young babies and children of tender years. They were sent by a lady who spent nearly thirty-five years of her married life in the Punjab, and is intimately acquainted with the poverty of the low caste people of the villages. She knows, as we who have worked in the villages well know, how precarious is the life of the low caste people, who have not the least right over the soil they cultivate for the landholders. They are serfs, paid in kind, or a portion of the crops, and when crops fail they have nothing to eat or hardly any clothing, and during the months of December–February the cold northwest wind blows over the Punjab, and mortality among young children, clothed in a few cotton rags, is very great.

I do wish every missionary lady who works in the villages had a lot of these little garments to give out to destitute babies.

You will think me an old Puritan in his dotage when I write plainly that if the churches in America would turn their attention to this form of charity, instead of sending out so many fine dolls for the upper ten of Native society, it would do more good and be in greater harmony with the teachings of our Master in the New Testament.

Nearly thirty years ago, in the midst of a terrible famine, I was requested by the highest English magistrate of this district to take charge of a Relief Camp of a thousand persons. In classifying this camp, I found about four hundred and fifty women and fifty babies. The noble Christian magistrate sent me large sums of money and asked that not a single baby should be left to die. They, and the women, were nearly naked and many had become emaciated by starvation. I saw that they must have garments or they would perish. I thought of old clothes sold at auction, belonging to English soldiers in one of the large military stations, and at once sent and bought a lot of woolen pantaloons and cut off the legs in pieces about the right length for a baby's shirt, put a binding round the top and cut two little holes for arms. I clothed all the fifty babes in this way and

not a life was lost. I learned the lesson that a mother's joy and gratitude is called out more by giving a warm garment to her suffering babe than in any other way.

I do not mean to be the one to put the last straw upon the camel's back, but if you see any young people in the Master's vineyard idle all the day long, just give them a hint of how much good they could do, by supplying the lady doctors in Ambala, Ferozepore and Jagraon stations, with warm garments for suffering children in the villages.

North India.—The late Mrs. Henry Forman: I want to beg. Do you know any one who would like to give us some magic lantern slides? We have a good lantern but not many pictures and are anxious to increase the number, so we can use the lantern out in the villages—in the city, too, for that matter. We think, and the preachers agree with us, that it would be helpful. We want Scripture scenes, either New Testament or Old. If there are pictures of Christ they need to be *very* good or it is not well to show them. A little care is needed in all selections. For instance, we have several of the Prodigal Son, and they are excellent, but the picture of "wasting his substance in riotous living" is one we do not want to show, especially to Mohammedans; it corresponds too nearly to their idea of Paradise. I will write in advance a very hearty "Thank you" for any pictures we receive.

Africa, Efulen: Blackboard wanted.

Tokyo, Japan.—Mrs. McCauley: Four teachers in my school could read and understand such books as "Pansy" writes, or others about that style, and they would be nice to give for Christmas. They would keep them from forgetting their English, and the lessons taught would be suggestive. For myself, if it should not be considered presumptuous, I have often thought how easy it might be for ladies who take popular magazines like *Harper's, Century* and others (unless they care to keep them) to mail them to missionaries after reading. They would come a little late, but be just as welcome. Books that women at home enjoy, we, too, find restful when tired out with the strain continual in Japanese.

Sapporo, Japan.—Miss Smith: Some of the older girls are desirous of reading *The Schonberg Cotta Family.* It would be very acceptable for our library, and pretty cards are always needed.

Sapporo.—Miss Rose: Such books as *The Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation,* Spurgeon's *Gems, The Way to God, Life of Christ, Life of Paul, Sermons* by Philips Brooks, and *Character,* some of Stalker's and Meyer's works are now circulating. They are very useful among English-reading young men.

A scholarship in Otaru school is $1.50 (U. S. money). If we had a few scholarships we would be very glad.

Kanazawa, Japan.—Miss Shaw: We would be thankful for any religious tracts, book, or helpful literature for Toyama Christians. They have almost nothing in such helps.

Chiningchow, China: When the women go away I always try to give them some little token of remembrance—a spool of foreign cotton or paper of needles; almost anything I have they seem to appreciate. We distribute a great many cards, and I would be glad to have some. Do not send pictures of ladies in tight dresses or low neck and short sleeves. The Chinese think them very improper. Their clothes, you know, are all so loose.

Peking.—Mrs. Cunningham: I wish some of the ladies would make a collection of remnants for our quilt pieces.

Kolhapur, W. India.—Mrs. Wilder: Children are much attracted by cards and Bible lesson pictures in colors. These pictures have been of much service in our schools.

North India, Ambala.—Mrs. Thackwell: It would be a great help if children would send me scrap-books or handsome advertisements.

Bangkok, Siam.—Miss Cooper: You ask if I would like some light reading. I would be glad, now and then, of a book which is all the rage, or which deals with economic or sociological questions in the form of fiction. Aside from some few new works I could not find time to read books. My work is so largely mental, it seems better to take recreation in other ways, such as tennis.

Syria.—Miss Brown: Here in Sidon we rarely have frost or snow. Nevertheless, we often suffer from cold hands and feet and chilly backs, and our girls wear jackets or wrap themselves in shawls as they sit at their studies. A year or so ago a society sent us some second-hand jackets and jersey waists, and they have been most useful to those who were too poor to buy.

Africa.—Miss Nassau: Two young men united with the Church; intelligent, gentlemanly, married by Christian ceremony to nice young momen. We invited them to tea, next day. They were intensely interested in Sunday-school charts which Miss Babe's friends sent her.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY MEETING AT SARATOGA.

Held in connection with General Assembly and directed by the Woman's Societies.

THE usual half-day meeting was held this year, on May 27, under direction of the Society of Northern New York, within whose boundary Saratoga lies. Miss Darling had arranged the programme and one of the Vice-Presidents, Miss Anderson of Albany, presided.

Our magazines were represented: WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN by the editor, and *Over Sea and Land* by Miss Nelson of Philadelphia. She also spoke upon the general subject of missionary education of young people, admirably remarking that, while our Methodist sisters are claiming ecclesiastical position, Presbyterian women need not ask a higher dignity than is conferred by the privilege of training children of the Church for the Church.

The field of missionary operations was spread before us, rapidly but in a masterful way, by Dr. Wanless of W. India, Rev. J. A. Eakin of Siam, and Rev. B. C. Henry, D.D., of China, successively. Dr. Ellinwood came in to bear generous testimony to the loyalty of the Woman's Boards and his faith in them. "Isn't it encouraging?" said the ladies to one another, afterward.

Several prayers closed the very good meeting. There was a large audience and they were good listeners; but after all, there was one disappointment for which nothing quite compensated. There was an unexampled dearth of women missionaries at General Assembly and we had not one to address our meeting.

E. C. P.

BEHOLD, HE COMETH.

The Lord shall come again!
Hear, all ye careworn men.
What matter that the fig tree doth not bear,
Nor any fruit the trailing vine doth wear?
The Lord shall come again!
Loss cannot harm you then.

The Lord shall come again!
Hear, all ye sorrowing men.
With Him shall all who sleep in Him appear
In radiant clouds—each to his own brought near.
The Lord shall come again!
The time is short till then.

The Lord shall come again!
Hear, all ye tempted men.
The Serpent, your deceiver, shall He chain;
In garments white, as conquerors ye shall reign.
The Lord shall come again!
Be faithful ye till then.

The Lord shall come again!
Hear, all ye worldly men.
As lightning flash His truth shall shine that day
And all your shadowy work shall fade away.
The Lord shall come again!
And deeds be tested then.

The Lord shall come again!
Hear, all ye Christian men.
How shall ye worthily fill up the hours
Of eager waiting while the night still lowers?
The Lord shall come again!
But, occupy till then.

The Lord shall come again!
Prepare the way, His men.
Let each say to his neighbor "Watch with me!"
And herald ye the tidings 'cross the sea.
The Lord shall come again!
This work He gave, till then.

The Lord shall come again!
Come quickly, Lord. Amen.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done this day
In earth as 'tis in Heaven, we humbly pray.
"Behold, I come again."
Come quickly, Lord. Amen!

Lilian Holmes.

THE MISSIONARY COTTAGE AT CHAUTAUQUA.

Nearly forty Home and Foreign Missionaries and missionary students were entertained in the Cottage during the summer of 1895. They were from Japan, China, Siam, South America, Alaska, Utah, New Mexico and our schools for the Freedmen.

Any Home or Foreign Missionary under the care of our Presbyterian Boards will be welcome to free use of a room in the Cottage for two weeks during July or August. Reduced rates for table board secured on arrival. Address "Presbyterian House Committee," Chautauqua, N. Y.

THE Petition, sent from the Women's Missionary Societies to the President of the United States, regarding the sufferings of Armenian women, was formally indorsed by many local societies.

THE Woman's Society of the Avondale Presbyterian Church offers Missionary Salads to other societies desiring an interesting addition to their programmes. In these salads all our missionary countries are represented. For terms please communicate with Mrs. Howard Eckert, Avondale, Cincinnati, O.

SINCE LAST MONTH.

ARRIVALS.

April 26.—In England, Mrs. U. S. G. Jones and two children, from Lodiana, India.
May 20.—At Vancouver, Mrs. Abbey, from Nanking, China. Address, 50 W. Lorain St., Oberlin, Ohio.
Miss Mary T. Lattimore, from Nanking. Address, 1323 Riggs St., Washington, D. C.
May 26.—At New York, Rev. T. S. Pond, from Colombia. Address, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.
May 29.—At New York, Rev. and Mrs. James M. Alexander, from Allahabad, India. Address, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.
June 5.—At New York, Rev. L. F. Esselstyn and family, from Teheran, Persia. Address, Lansing, Mich.
June 6.—At New York, Rev. W. C. Gault and family, from Africa. Address, Fernwood, Ohio.
Miss Louise Babe, also from Africa. Address, 43 Seminary Ave., Chicago, Ill.

DEPARTURES.

May 30.—From New York, Miss Jessie Scott, to join the Colombia Mission at Bogota.
June 6.—From New York, Rev. and Mrs. Robert F. Lenington, to Guarapuava, Parana, Brazil.
June 6.—From New York, Rev. S. L. Ward, returning to Teheran, Persia, leaving his family at Wooster, Ohio.

MARRIAGE.

May 13.—At Olivesburgh, Ohio, by Rev. Jas. T. Houston, assisted by Rev. Robert Lenington, both former missionaries in Brazil, their children, Miss Adielah G. Houston to Rev. Robert F. Lenington.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Boyce of Mexico.	Appointed 1884.
Mrs. Effie K. Murray of Nanking.	Appointed 1895.
Miss Agnes Orbison of N. India.	Appointed 1889.
Miss Minnie Ritchie.	Appointed to Peking, 1894.
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Robinson of Chili.	Appointed 1886.

To the Auxiliaries.

[For address of each headquarters and lists of officers see third page of cover.]

From Philadelphia.

Send all letters to 1334 Chestnut Street.

Directors' meeting will be omitted during July, August and September; also the monthly prayer meeting during July and August.

Total receipts for year ending April 20, 1896. .	$140,945.56
Total number Auxiliary Societies	1,498
Bands and Sabbath schools.	1,276
S. C. E. and S. C. E. Jr.	430

Dear President of your Auxiliary or Band, are you giving the Annual Report that has just reached you a careful reading? After you have pondered well the Secretaries' and Treasurer's reports, give a critical examination to that of your own Society or Band. Compare it with the report of last year and find out whether you have fallen short, or entirely neglected your pledges. There are many places where Bands with special objects have given *nothing*. Is yours *one* of them, and if so, *why?*

THE following five new missionaries, soon to sail to their respective fields, are commended to your prayers and loving thought:

Miss Charlotte E. Hawes, of Pittsburg, Pa., goes with Mrs. Chalfant, to the Shantung Mission, China, in the autumn. Miss Hawes has been well known in the western part of Pennsylvania, as Secretary of Literature under the Pittsburg and Allegheny Presbyterial Society.

Miss Christina B. Herron, of Altoona, Pa., has been appointed to the Lodiana Mission, India. Miss Herron has been for the last two years at Northfield, Mass., preparing for the work to which she now goes forth.

Miss Jessie Scott, of Phillipsburg, Pa., has already sailed for Bogota, U. S. Colombia.

Miss Abbie M. Lyon, now of Wooster, Ohio, is a missionary's child, returning as a missionary to China, the land of her birth, and to her father who joyfully awaits her coming, while her mother remains a little longer in this country to care for her other children.

Miss L. A. Eakin, who for some years was a teacher at Bangkok, Siam, and then returned to this country, is now to go back to Siam as a full missionary.

Several ladies who are going to mission fields as the wives of appointed missionaries will come under our care when they assume their new names and duties—and they will then be duly noticed here.

Blue Banner Drill.—A new, short and effective exercise. By the time the children have this by heart, they will have much valuable knowledge at their finger tips; 1 cent each, 10 cts. per dozen. *God My Exceeding Joy.*—A touching Persian story and allegory; 1 cent each, 10 cts. per dozen. *Fishers of Boys* is not for boys, but for leaders of boys' classes, Bands, and Junior C. E. Societies. It is full of good and bright suggestions; 2 cents each, 20 cts. per dozen. *Allen Gardiner; A Hero*, the thrilling story of the South American explorer and missionary, *is* pre-eminently for boys; 1 cent each, 10 cts. per dozen. *Is It Worth While?*—2 cts. each, 20 cts. a dozen. From this story of a Peking woman, one is led to declare emphatically that Foreign Missions *are* "worth while."

From Chicago.

Meetings at Room 48 McCormick Block, 69 and 70 Dearborn Street, every Friday at 10 A.M. Visitors welcome.

IT hardly seems necessary to repeat the notice concerning Annual Report, which appeared in our notes for May. If additional copies are desired, send four cents each for postage. If the Secretary does not receive her copy, please do not fail to notify us. Do not wait until next May and then report "*I did not receive a copy last year.*"

IS not this plan adopted by one of our Presbyterial Societies a good one to follow? "We had assigned to us individually one church where there is no missionary society. To this church we are to send literature, for this church we are to pray, and at this church we are to keep the matter presented until we persuade them into forming *at least a prayer circle for missions.*"

THE home friends of a young missionary who went out nearly two years ago, have planned and executed a pleasant remembrance from home friends each month. They have sent small uniform single sheets of paper to various friends and acquaintances asking for some favorite sentiment, verse or wish, with the name of the friend; these returned to the home, have a certain month and day written on each sheet, then the full number of sheets for one month are forwarded in time to reach him before the month begins. So that each day he has something fresh, with the names of the various friends. A unique and delightful calendar of remembrances.

CAN our auxiliaries keep up an intelligent interest unless they take and *read* our magazines? From the reports received from both WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN and *Over Sea and Land*, the Northwest Board has fallen behind. No one will either pray for, or give money for, persons and work of which they are entirely ignorant. Let some one be appointed in each society to make a thorough canvass of the church for subscribers. Sample copies of each magazine will gladly be sent for her to use. Sometimes it is wise to get persons to read two or three numbers, as thus they may become more interested than when seeing but one. First, however, the Literature Secretary must be, or must become, acquainted with the magazines herself or she cannot enthuse others. You who read this, try what you can do.

PLEASE remember when but a single leaflet is ordered, that the price given cannot include postage also.

WE have printed Dr. J. H. Barrow's admirable address given here just before he left for India, *The Triumph of the Christian Gospel;* price each 10 cts.; leaflet, *Fishers of Boys*, each 2 cts., 20 cts. per doz. Address W. P. B. M., Room 48, McCormick Block, Chicago, Ill.

From New York.

Letters sent to 156 Fifth Ave. Rooms open all summer. Prayer-meeting discontinued through July, August and September.

MISS GARDNER of Auburn, recently married to Mr. William Vanderbilt, a graduate of Auburn Seminary, has come under the care of this Board, and is warmly welcomed to the number of our missionaries. Their station will be in Mexico. We also have undertaken the entire expense of a new station to be opened near Angom, Africa, except the salary of Mr. Bannerman. This includes the building of a house for Mr. Bannerman's family.

NEW leaflets for Mission Bands and Junior C. E. Societies are *The Blue Banner Drill;* price 1 cent each, 10 cts. per dozen. *Fishers of Boys*, price 2 cts., 20 cts. per doz.; and *Special Work for Junior C. E. Societies*, by Miss Denny —free.

WE have taken two shares in the Girls' Orphanage, Hoshyapore, writes a secretary of literature—the result of "traveling leaflets." "I prayed for twenty-five dollars," she continues, and it was a joyful surprise when I heard of double that amount. In one church I had three little bags containing each a leaflet traveling since November They have visited 126 homes and two are still out. One church had twelve of these little bags. The result already is twenty dollars, but even had we raised no money, I am sure many have read the leaflet and it has proved a blessing. I am thoroughly interested in the work and wish I could do more."

From Northern New York.

ALREADY two months of our working year is past, there is need, therefore, for each and every one of us to be alert, that no time be lost in making every effort to make this year the most fruitful in all our history. Remember the two things repeatedly emphasized at the Annual Meeting were, the need of thorough organization, and more prayerful, faithful, persistent work on the part of every worker. Shall it not be the aim of each member of the Auxiliaries and Bands, to enlist this year, at least, one other in the work, to share with us the blessed privilege of sending the glad tidings of salvation to those who have it not?

INSTEAD of envelopes for the gathering of the "Silver" offering, special mite boxes will be furnished to all the Societies and Bands. The time to prepare for this "Silver" thanksgiving offering, if we would come up to our Annual Meeting "with joy, bringing our sheaves with us," is now.

ONCE again, we have been privileged to have within our bounds, the Annual Union Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, held in connection with the General Assembly. We would that all our members might have

felt the inspiration of this meeting. All are, however, privileged to pray that the earnest words spoken by those in the forefront of the battle may bring forth much fruit.

We most cordially welcome into our ranks as co-workers, the Auxiliary of Corinth.

From St. Louis.

Meetings at 1516 Locust street, first and third Tuesdays of every month. Visitors are welcome. Leaflets and missionary literature obtained by sending to 1516 Locust street.

We trust the Presbyterian Endeavorers of the Southwest who are contemplating attending the great Washington Convention will note the new feature of the programme, *Denominational Missionary Rallies* on Sabbath afternoon. Take your note book with you and also into the Missionary Committee Conference. Add fuel thus to the missionary fires at home—*they* need it. Apply new and helpful methods taught there to your own special church work. We live to learn and must learn fast in these days.

Because of the number of missionaries sent to the foreign field from our immediate territory the past year, we are able to offer to certain societies the support of a missionary from their own State, as their special object. All the societies of Indian Territory and Oklahoma are given the salary of Miss Stella M. Thompson, of Edmunds, Okla., now in Osaka, Japan. A letter from Miss Thompson has been mailed to each auxiliary in this Synod. Secretaries or officers receiving this letter are urged to have it read at the Society's next meeting.

The young people's societies of Kansas, have the opportunity of supporting Miss Hattie Ghormley, who went from Partridge, Kan., to Chieng Mai, Laos, last summer.

The Synodical Society of Missouri has undertaken to raise in extra gifts, beyond their regular pledges, the salary of Miss Carrie Clark in Lodiana, India, formerly of Park College.

Emporia and Neosho presbyteries, at their annual meetings in April, pledged the salary of Miss Jennie Sherman of Ottawa, Kan., who returned last fall to her work in West India, being stationed now in Panhala.

Take notice, Treasurers. The Annual Report for 1895–1896 has been mailed to all synodical and presbyterial officers as the names appear on the report of the current year; also to the secretaries of auxiliaries and pastors in our territory, and life members. If you wish to read the Report, apply to one of the above; if you wish to own one they may be purchased, at the Rooms, for 10 cents.

The gain in contributing Auxiliaries, other than Bands, has been very encouraging, but in making out reports we find many churches without any missionary organization among the women and young people. We plan to decrease this number the coming year.

In the beginning of this new year we ask that attention be given the subject of systematic and proportionate giving. Send to headquarters for *Proportionate Giving*, by Mrs. M. C. Williams, price 2 cents; also, *Will a Man Rob God*, price 2 cents. Let us read these leaflets when the hum of the world is stilled and we are resting by the way and have time to meditate.

From other Boards we have on sale, *Ruth's Missionary Club*, 2 cts.; *Maude Merle's Mite Boxes*, 2 cts; *The Revolt in the Hall Closet*, 2 cts.; *Susi and Chuma*, an African story, 2 cts.; *Aunt Polly's Endeavor*, 1 cent, and *Some Suggestions as to Interesting the Young Ladies of our Churches*, 2 cts.

From San Francisco.

Meetings at 10 A.M. each Monday at 920 Sacramento St. Business, first Monday in each month. Executive Committee, third Monday.

With the Annual Report which will be sent out the coming month will also be sent copies of the *Missionary Record*. Study carefully the Report and its statistics; it will be productive of good. The *Record* which is to be issued quarterly, will keep the workers in closer touch with the Board. The Auxiliary of 1st Church, Oakland, has subscribed for fifty copies, also of 1st Church, San Francisco. A good example for other Societies to follow. Subscription, 10 cts. a year.

Mrs. Gates from Gautemala, was present at the May meeting and made a most interesting talk on her work there. She spoke of the "mental depression occasioned by seeing so much wrong, nothing right," and said, "the work is nothing compared with that." Pray more for our missionaries.

This is our roll: Miss Margaret Culbertson, California; Mrs. Laura Naylor, Japan; Mrs. Amy Saxton Fulton, Japan; Mrs. Effie Worley Bailie, M. D., China; Mrs. Mary Hays Johnson, Africa; Miss Grace Russell, Persia; Miss Minnie Baxter, S. A.; Mrs. Harriette Eddy Hoskins, Syria; Miss Katharine Wambold, Korea, and Mrs. Callender, who will sail for Korea in August.

The support of Mrs. Callander has been assumed by the 1st Church of San Francisco.

The Chinese school in Los Angeles is in a very flourishing condition. There is an increased attendance and the workers are reaching out into more heathen homes.

Evangelistic work has been commenced by the House to House Visitors in San Francisco, and the work is very encouraging. Many heathen women are in attendance at Dr. Condit's church every Sabbath, and mention was made in the report of the large number present

at the Annual Meeting in April. A circulating library is now at the disposal of the "House to House Visitors."

As vacation time draws near and preparation is made for it do not forget to plan for the missionary work, that it may not suffer and may be easily taken up again.

Do not forget the Contingent Fund. Do not fail to secure the Map Talks issued each month, also new leaflets, all of which are free (except postage).

Do not forget to remit promptly each quarter to the Treasurer, and to fill out report blanks.

Do not forget the *live* agent for our magazines. The number of subscribers ought to exceed five hundred this year. Do not forget while resting, to pray for the work and the faithful workers.

From Portland, Oregon.

Meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. Visitors welcome.

LANTERN slides illustrating various scenes in India will be loaned to societies on application. A delightful journey through India can be taken with the help of these views.

ATTENTION is called to the new list of shares in the special objects of the Board, offered to Auxiliaries, C. E. Societies, Juniors, Bands, and Sunday-schools. If you have not received a list, write to Mrs. I. L. McCommon, 260 Third street, Portland, Ore.

ALL who listened to Mrs. Ding Faiy at the Annual Meeting will be glad to know that the story of her life is in preparation and will be ready for our readers before fall work begins.

AN effective plea was made at the Annual Meeting by Mrs. Leonard, mother of our Dr. Eliza Leonard, now in Peking, China, when she said: "Mothers, missionary literature is dangerous in the home unless your children are consecrated to missions, for *missionary literature makes missionaries*."

MANY of our readers are preparing for their summer vacation. *Don't* go away without paying your quarterly dues. Already one quarter of the new fiscal year is over and you remember your resolve to make regular quarterly payments.

DON'T fail to take along a good supply of missionary magazines. You will enjoy re-reading them in the quiet of some shady nook. They are excellent literature to loan to the summer visitor. The writer recalls her delight on finding copies of the familiar magazines in a seaside library.

DON'T forget to pray for the busy ones at headquarters and in your own auxiliary, who cannot take the coveted and much needed vacation, yet will try to keep the wheels moving while you are recreating.

THE Annual Report will be sent to those entitled to receive it. If you are not correctly reported, write to the proper officer and call her attention to the error.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

COLORADO.
Denver, Hyde Park Ch.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
C.E. Socs.: Washington, Eastern Ch., Bethany, North Ch.; N. Y. Ch., Young Woman's Guild.

ILLINOIS.
C.E. Socs.: Anna, Arcola (Jr.), Ava 1st Ch., Bloomington 2d Ch., Cairo, also Jr., Carmi, Centralia also Jr., DuQuoin also Jr., Earlville, Effingham, Golconda, Good Hope, Hoopeston, Kansas, Linn, Wabash Ch., Metropolis, Morris, also Jr., Mt. Vernon, Murphysboro, Nashville, Olney, Odin, Pyatt Galum Ch., Rochelle (Jr.), St. Francesville Pisgah Ch., Sumner, Tamaroa, Toledo (Jr.), Troy Grove (Jr.).
Auxiliaries: Brighton (reorg.), Buffalo Hart, Minonk, Baby Band, Sumner (reorg.), Troy Grove (reorg.), Winchester.

INDIANA.
Converse, Earl Park, Jonesboro and Gas City, Livonia (reorg.), Poland, Winchester.
C.E. Socs.: Evansville 1st Ave. Ch., Petersburg, also Jr., Princeton, Sullivan, Worthington, also Jr.

INDIAN TERRITORY.
Claremore (reorg.), Ponca City.

IOWA.
Maple Hill, Seneca, Pleasant Valley Ch., Sioux Centre, Williamsburg, Mission Band.
C.E. Socs.: Armstrong, also Jr., Atkins.

MARYLAND.
Baltimore.—Central Ch., S.C.E. and Aux.; Faith Ch., Baby Band; Lafayette Sq. Ch., S.C.E., Sunshine Band; Ridgely St. Ch., S.C.E.; Waverly Ch., Jr. C.E.
Emmittsburg.—Do What You Can Bd.

MICHIGAN.
Deckerville.
C.E. Socs.: Brent Creek, Cass City, Fair Grove, Marlette 2d Ch., Port Huron 1st Ch. (Jr.), Westm'r Ch., also Jr.

MINNESOTA.
Pilot Grove (reorg.); Goodhue, Bd.; Warren, S.C.E.

MONTANA.
Havre.

NEBRASKA.
Columbus (reorg.); Craig, Willing Workers; North Bend; Tamora, S.C.E., and Jr.

NEW JERSEY.
Jersey City 1st Ch., Advanced Circle; Paterson, Ch. of the Redeemer, Cheerful Workers; Plainfield 1st Ch., King's Messengers.
C.E. Socs.: Belvidere 2nd Ch. (Jr.), Bridgeton Irving Ave. Ch., West Ch. (Jr.), Clayton (Jr.), Dover (Jr.), Elizabeth 2d Ch. (Jr.), 3d Ch. (Jr.), Hanover (Jr.), Jersey City 2d Ch. (Jr.), Millville (Jr.), Newark, Bruce St. Chapel (Jr.), Fewsmith Mem. Ch. (Jr.), Roselle, Trenton 3d Ch. (Jr.), Westfield, (Jr.).

NORTH DAKOTA.
Minto.

OHIO.
C.E. Socs.: Barlow, Batavia, Brownsville, Buffalo, Chesterville, Chillicothe, 1st Ch. (Jr.), Cincinnati 5th Ch. (Jr.), Mt. Auburn Ch., Poplar St. Ch. (Jr.), Cleveland South Ch., College Hill (Jr.), Dresden, Fostoria (Jr.), Granville, Greenfield, High Hills, Linwood (Jr.), Lowell, Manchester, Mansfield, Marietta, Mem'l., Montgomery (Jr.), Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, Nelsonville, Pataskala (Jr.), Plymouth, Salem (Jr.), Sandusky, Silverton, Tiffin (Jr.), Vienna, West Carrolton (Jr.), Yellow Springs, Youngstown Westm'r, Zanesville 1st.
Azalea, aux.
Uhricksville, Heart and Hand Bd.

PENNSYLVANIA
Allentown, Little Light Bearers, Bethlehem, Little Light Bearers; Erie, Central Ch., Y.L.S.; Forest Grove, Bd.; Germantown, 1st Ch., Lend-a-Hand Bd.; Johnsonburg, Miss'y Circle; Lewisburg, Young Woman's Soc.; Mauch Chunk, Webster Circle; McKee's Rocks, Boys' Brigade; Mercer, 2d Ch., Little Light Bearers, Senior Light Bearers; Monongahela, Little Light Bearers; Mt. Carmel, Cummings Bd.; Oil City, Westm'r Bd.; Phila., Trinity Ch., Mrs. McCutcheon's Bd.; Pittsburgh, 4th Ch., King's Daughters; Ch. of Covenant, Y.L.B., Jr. C.E.; East Liberty Ch., Valley View Mission, King's Messengers, Haymakers; Highland Ch., Jr. C.E. Boys' Brigade; Lawrenceville Ch., Boys' Bd.
C.E. Socs.: Audenreid, Beaver Falls (Jr), Bethel, Butler (Jr.), Callens-

burg, Clintonville (Jr.), Corry (Jr.), Dickinson, Emsworth, Glenolden (Jr.), Haysville, Homer City, Homestead, Johnstown (Jr.), Kennett Sq. (Jr.), Leesburg, Lock Haven (Jr.), Lycoming, also Jr., Neshaminy of Warminster, Ivyland (Jr.), Nicholas (Jr.), Newberry, and Jr., New Harmony, North Sewickly; Philadelphia, Hebron Ch., McDowell Mem'l Ch., West Green St. Ch.; Pittsburgh, Knoxville Ch.; Scranton, Providence Ch. (Jr.); Sharon, State College (Jr.); Union (Jr.), Wilkinsburg (Jr.).

SOUTH DAKOTA.
Canova, Union Ch.
C.E. Socs.: Bloomington, Olive Ch., Scotland.

TENNESSEE.
Knoxville, 4th Ch., Y.L. Bd.; Salem, S.C.E.

WEST VIRGINIA.
Cairo, S.C.E.; Harlem, S.C.E.

WISCONSIN.
Eagle, Y.P. Bd.; Ottawa, Jr. C.E.; Milwaukee, Perseverance Ch.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from April 1, 1896.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

[Thank-offerings are indicated by an (*) asterisk.]

NEW CASTLE.—Buckingham, 15.25; Chesapeake City, 20, What-we-can Bd., 5, Ever Ready, 4; Dover, 21.55, S.C.E., 3; Elkton, 67.80, Bd., 10; Federalsburg, 4.35; Forest, 20; Green Hill, Busy Bees, 20; Head of Christiana, 6; Lewes, 17.95; Manoken, 13.40, S.C.E., 3; Newark, 15.92, S.S., 30; Pitts Creek, 20, Rosebud Bd., 6.60; Port Deposit, 13.50; Port Penn, 3; Rehoboth, Del., 15.60; Rehoboth, Md., 7; Rock, 7.50; W. Nottingham, 51.13; White Clay Creek, 15; Wicomico, 8.85; Wilmington, 1st, 17.16, Bd., 10; Hanover (debt. 20), 66, S.C.E., 6; Rodney St., 52.32; West, 70, Keigwin Bd., 5, Happy Workers, 15, S.C.E., 6.50; Olivet, 10; Zion, 26.21, S.S., 12., S.C.E., 5, $745.09

NEWTON.—Andover, 3.90: Asbury, 5; Belvidere, 1st, 69.35, Mrs. Albertson, 100, Mrs. Shipman, 20, Willing Workers, 35.72, Miss Witte's class, 25, Gleaners, 27, S.S., 12.25, Primary cl., 7; Belvidere, 2d, 55.40, Miss S. Paul, 25, Paul Bd., 5, Little Lights, 10, S.C.E., 7.60, S.C.E., Jr., 2.30; Blairstown, 110, Blair Hall, 25, Kuhl Bd., 33, Kuhl Bd. Jr., 7.10, Boys' Brigade, 8: Bloomsbury, 30; Danville, 14; Deckertown, 31.44, S.S., 28.06, S.C.E., 4; Delaware, 6; Franklin Furnace, 15; Greenwich, 40, S.C.E., 3; Hackettstown, 70, Cheerful Givers, 4.80; Harmony, 29.30; Knowlton, 3; Marksboro, 18; Musconetcong Val., 6, Newton, 166.29, Watchers, 2.15, Inf. Sch., 17; Oxford, 1st, 12.75; Oxford, 2d, 20, Little Lights, 38,98, primary cl., 18.58; Phillipsburg, 1st, 50.50; Westm'r, 29.40; Stewartsville, 20.25, New Village Bd., 10 25, Armor Bearers, 25; Stillwater, 9; Washington, 25; Wantage, 1st, 2; Yellow Frame, Willing Workers, 6, 1,349.37

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Berwick, Lend-a-Hand, 6; Buffalo X Roads, 2.50; Lock Haven, 39.35; Williamsport, 3d, Travel Club, 10; Misc., 1.14, 58.99

PHILADELPHIA.—1st (55*), 274.25, Geo. D. Baker, Bd., 41.96, Albert Barnes' Bd., 108.67, S.S., 80 2d Ch., 370.50, Beadle Bd., 100, Star of the East, 5; 3d, Old Pine St., 261, S.S., 100, Buds of Promise. 15; 4th Ch., 84; 9th Ch., 36.25; 10th, West Spruce St., 105, A Lady, 100, S.S., 100, S.C.E., Jr., 25: Arch St., Mizpah Bd.. 25; Atonement, Myrtle Bd., 4, S.C.E., 10; Beacon, 20.15, Livingstone, Bd., 6, Lucy Robbins Bd., 2.25; Bethany, 113, Inf. Sch., 50; Bethesda, 60.14, Anna M. Eva Bd., 55, S.C.E., 15; Bethlehem, 162.57, A Lady, 17; Calvary, 988.50, Day Dawn Bd., 36.50, Otto Bd., 25, Prayer and Pence Bd., 22.24; Central, 90.50, Central Bd., 65, Hope, 53, Laughlin Bd., 53.50; Chambers, 163.25; Clinton St. Immanuel, 32.31; Cohocksink, 85; Eastburn Mariner's, Jun-Soc., 25; Emmanuel S. C. E., Jr., 15; Green Hill, 100, L.L.B., 1; Harper Mem'l, 11; Hebron, S.C.E., 15.50; Hollond, 54, King's Messengers, 17, King's Sons, 5; Kensington, 1st, S.C.E., 35, S.C.E., Jr., 10; McDowell Mem'l, 50.80; Mem'l Chapel, 6.50, Livingstone Bd., 5; Memorial, 80; North, Light Bearers, 10; Northminster, 117.75, Y.L.B., 50, Primary Sch., 50; Olivet, 75, Graham Bd., 9, Primary Sch., 20; Oxford, 225, Y.L.B., 100, Guthrie Bd., 50, S.S., 50, S.C.E., 30, S.C.E., Jr., 20, Robbin's Bd., 70; Princeton, 200, Mary Henry Bd., 50, Day Dawn, 5.50, Fullerton, 30, Helping Hands, 30, Princeton, 10, S.C.E.. Jr., 6; South, 75, Earnest Workers, 30, Ch. Givers, 30, Y.P.S., 23; Southwestern, 5, S.C.E., 5, S.C.E., Jr., 3; Tabernacle, 225.43, Y.L. B., 40.75, Y.L., Jr., 25, Little Maids, 10; Tabor, 107, Little Helpers, 21; Temple, Y.M.B.C., 50, S.C.E., 20; Tioga, 38.91, Primary cl., 10.59, S.C.E., Jr., 15; Trinity, 57.50, McCutcheon Bd., 5; Union, 79; Walnut St., 574.50, S.S., 58.32, Girls' Bd., 20, Y.L.B., 13.44; West Arch St., 363.15, Carrier Doves, 21.61; West Green St., 88.50, Bethany Bd., 88, Adult B.C., 26.15, Bd. of Faith, 10, Primary dep't, 4.75, S.C.E., 2.50; West Hope, Berean Bd., 22.23; Westminster, 120; Woodland, 44, Woodland Bd. Sr., 24.15, Woodland Bd., Jr., 6, Fullerton Bd., 65.50; Wylie Mem'l, 80, Little Women, 24.41, Mrs. Jackson's B.C., 310; Int. on deposits 7.79; Mrs. E. L. Linard, 100, 8,328.33

PHILADELPHIA, NORTH.—Abington, 50, S. B. Smith Bd., 25: Ashbourne, 16; Bristol, 20, Basté Bd., 49.29; Chestnut Hill, 1st, 85, S.C.E., 20.50: Chestnut Hill, Trinity, 100.50; Doylestown, 85; Forestville, 6; Falls of Schuylkill, 10; Frankford, 1st, 82, Y.L.B., 21.25; Germantown, 1st, 134.49, In Mem. E.P.L., 126, Eliot Bd., Sr., 15, S.S., 25, Eliot Bd., Jr., 8.16, Christian Work Club, 36, Miriam Bd., 30, Brainard Bd., 11.37, Paton Bd., 25, S.C.E., 18.40, S.C.E., Jr., 3; 2d, 125, Tulpehocken Bd., 62, Primary sch'l, 5; Market Sq., 67.44, Y.L.B., 23, S.C.E., 20.15; Redeemer, 13.44; Summit, 23, Bd., 13.80; Wakefield, 25, L.L.B., 3.50; West Side, 32.75, S.S., 50; Hermon, 21, A friend, 50, Ch. Workers, 25, Busy Bees, 5, Boys' Bd., 10; Holmesburg, Mem'l Bd., 10; Huntingdon Valley, 37.15; Jenkintown, 18, S.C.E., 15; Langhorne, King's Daughters, 10, King's Sons, 9; Lawndale, 5; Leverington, 15, Y.L.B.C., 7, S. C.E., 5; Manayunk, 31, Children of the King, 2, Correspondence Bd., 3; Morrisville, 25; Narberth, 12, S.C.E., 8; Neshaminy of Warmister, 7, Ivyland S.C.E., Jr., 2, Nicholas S.C.E., Jr., 2; Newtown, 91.40, Kate Craven Bd., 25, S.S., 22.62, S.C. E., 55.09; Norristown, 1st, 71.59, S.C.E., Jr.,14; Norristown, Central, 23, S.C.E., 7; Overbrook, 30, S.S., 50; Pottstown, S.C. E., Jr., 719; Roxboro', 25; Thompson Mem'l, 35; Wyncote, 5, S.C.E., 3; In Mem., J. S. G., 50; Offerings from Shanghai, 5.43; Sale of silk from Dowager Empress of China, 100, A friend, 9.75; Misc., 2.70, 2,433.96

PITTSBURGH AND ALLEG. COM.—Alleg. North, debt, 5; Mansfield (Carnegie), Y.L.B., 12; Oakdale, S.C.E., 10; New Salem, 2.50; Pittsburgh, 2d, 10; Bellefield, 20; McCandless ave., 5; Pt. Breeze, W. Workers, 50; Sharpsburg, 29.10; Wilkinsburg, R. J. Reed Bd., 60; Cash, 20, 223.60

PORTSMOUTH.—Buckeye, S.S., 1, Jackson, S.S., 4; Portsmouth, 1st, S.C.E., 10; Portsmouth, 2d, S.S., 5; Ripley, 25, S. S., 10, Y.L.B., 9.50; West Union, 5, 69.50

REDSTONE.—Belle Vernon, 53 75, S.C.E., 2.50, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Brownsville, 40; Connellsville, 202.46, Y.L.C., 96, Band, 14; Dunbar (debt 5) 45, Bd, 40.50; Dunlap's Creek, 33.36; Fairchance, 5; Laurel Hill, 30; Little Redstone, Bd., 10, S.C.E., 3.72; Long Run, 11: McKeesport, 1st, 239.82, Jun. Cl., 36.40; McKeesport, Cent'l, 33.10; Mt. Moriah, 4.40; Mt. Pleasant, 141.80, June Bd., 12.20, Y.P.C., 18.87; Mt. Pleasant. Reunion, 83.70, Layyah Bd., 6.30; Mt. Vernon, 20; New Providence, 17, Ready Workers, 3.11; New Salem, 26; Pleasant Unity, 10; Rehoboth (9.05*), 45.05, Webster S.C.E., 10; Round Hill, 27, S.S., 8.25; Scottdale, 11.40; Tent, 10; Uniontown, 1st, 38.50, Bd., 9.25, S.S., 50; Uniontown, Cent'l, 16; W. Newton, 50.95, E. Workers, 5, 1,526.59

ST. CLAIRSVILLE.—Bannock, 8; Barnsville, 13.89, Westm'r League, 16.78; Bellaire, 1st, 50, Chalfant Bd., 1.57; Bellaire, 2d, 28, Loring Bd., 20; Bethel, 9.25; Buffalo, 9.80, Anna G. Dale Bd., 16.97, S.S., 12.63, S.C.E., 7.35; Cadiz, 180, E. Workers, 37.72, Heart and Hand Bd., 21.50; Caldwell, 21.58, Helpers, 3; Cambridge, 73; Concord, 54.72; Crabapple, 9.35, Gleaners, 18.27; Farmington, 8.88: Freeport, 20, Golden Link Bd, 5; Kirkwood, 28.50, Azalea Bd., 22.60, C. C. Hays Bd., 5; Lore City, 12; Martin's Ferry, 98.39, Lilies of the Valley, 32.27, Chalfant Bd., 14.91; Morristown, 7.50; Mt. Pleasant, 95.20, King's Messengers, 55, Little Gleaners, 10.15, S.C.E., Jr 9.21; New Athens, 28.65, Y.L.B., 7.20; Pleasant Valley, 37.80, Hays Bd., 13.60; Powhatan, S.C.E., 4; Rock Hill, 8; St. Clairsville, 21; Scotch Ridge, 11.20; Senecaville, 10; Short Creek, 1.50, Bd., 1; Washington, 23.30; Wayside Gleaners, 14.14; West Brooklyn, 6, 1,225.38

CHENANGO.—Beaver Falls, S.C.E., 5.54, S.C.E., Jr., 5.40; Centre, S.C.E., 10; Hopewell, Shining Stars, 5, S.C.E., 10; Leesburg, S.C.E., 5; Mt. Pleasant, 65; Neshannock, Y.P.B., 22.35, Children's Bd., 15.60; N. Brighton, Selma Bd., 27.50, Busy Bees, 10; New Castle, 1st, 32.12, Helena Bd., 6; Rich Hill, Y.P.B., 12.50; Wampum, 2, 234.01

STEUBENVILLE.—Annapolis, 12.10; Beech Spring, 10; Bethel, 9.65, Gleaners, 2.56; Bethesda, 10; Brilliant, 22.50; Buchannan, 19.70, Corbett Bd., 12.30; Corinth, 22.50; Cross Creek, 13.49; Dell Roy, Y.P.B., 14.75; Dennison, 14.68, Willing Hands, 41; East Liverpool, 1st, 100, Buds of Promise, 30; E. Liverpool, 2d; 10; E. Springfield, 1; Hopedale, 20; Irondale, 12; Island Creek, 13; Kilgore, 7; Leesville, 1; Linton, 11; Long's Run, 16, S.C. E., 30; Minerva, 2.60; Monroeville, 18, Brigade, 4; Nebo, 10; New Hagerstown, 10; Oak Ridge, 8.25, S.C.E., 7.25; Potter Chapel, 8.75; Richmond, 7; Ridge, 9.50, Oasis Bd., 5; Salineville, 35.85, Fidelity Bd., 5; Scio, 15.46, W. Workers, 3.86; Smithfield Gems, 3; Steubenville, 1st, 40.50, Y.L.B., 50; 2d Ch., 76.15, King's Servants, 23; 3d Ch., 19, Whatsoever Bd., 1.75, S.C.E., 10; Still Fork, 6; Toronto, 6.50, L.L.B., 3; Two Ridges, 20.55; Uhricksville, 21, Heart and Hand Bd, 14; Waynesburg, 6; Wellsville, 76.81, Morning Star Bd., 5; Yellow Creek, 36.84, Wayside Gleaners, 2.67, 1,018.52

UNION.—Hopewell, 2.25; Knoxville, 2d, (13.15*) 24.88, S.C. E., Jr., 10; 4th, 23.02, Y.L.B., 10.40, Y.P.B., 30; Bell ave., 6; Maryville, 2d, W. Workers, 10; New Market, 4.50; New Providence, 17.10; Rockford, 2; Shannondale, 12, Golden Rule Bd., 2.25; South Knoxville, 5.85, 150.25

WASHINGTON.—Allen Grove, 25; Burgettstown, 1st, 33, Golden Chain Bd., 30, Ten-per-cent. Bd., 7.56; Claysville (10*), 86.60, S.C.E., Jr., 7.50; Cove, 11.70; Cross Creek, 25, Busy Bees, 2.25; E. Buffalo, 56, Branch, 6.35; Fairview, 2 ladies, 2; Forks of Wheeling (11*), 65, Excelsior Bd., 20, B. Shaw Bd., Mt. Zion, 10, B. Shaw Bd., Ellm Grove, 10; Frankfort, 6.50, King's Daughters, 5, Chauncy Bd., 11, L.L.B., 1.50; Lower Buffalo, 26; Lower Ten Mile, 12.50; Moundsville, 11.50, Mt. Prospect, 66.55; New Cumberland (33.56*), 77.01, Grier Bd., 20.05, Myrtle Bd., 4.52; Pigeon Creek, Y.L.B., 36.01, Glad Workers, 25; Unity, 7.75; Upper Buffalo (6.80*), 29.80, China Bd., 5; Upper Ten Mile, 35.10; Washington 1st (14.50*), 89.50, Sewing Soc., 10.05, Cornes Bd., 25, S.C.E., 100, S.C.E., Jr., 15; Wash'n, 2d, 25.97, Non Nobis Bd., 43.10, Pansy Bd., 13.35, Gleaners, Girls, 17.50, Boys, 13.50; Wash'n, 3d, Y.L.B., 33.33, Sunbeams, 6.95, S.C.E., 16.64; Wash'n Fem. Sem., 30, Miss Thompson's cl., 30; Waynesburg, 36.25, Busy Bees, King's Helpers, 10, S.S., 15; Wellsburg, 31.75, S.C.E., 25; W. Alexander, 41*, Loring Circle (5.55*), 45.55, Hold the Fort Bd., 10; W. Liberty (7*), 47, Cunningham Bd., 8; W. Union, 15.40, Y. P.B., 9.80; Wheeling, 1st, 204.41, Cherith Bd., 33.70, Cunningham Bd., 10, Bessie Vance Bd., 50, Sidney Ott Bd., 34.11, Sunshine Bd., 5.80, Boys' Club, 12.11; Wheeling, 2d, 60, Carleton Bd., 56; Wheeling, 3d, 37, Bertha Allen Bd., 15; Mrs. S. G. Rockwell, 1, Three ladies, 61, 2,219.64

WELLSBORO'.—Coudersport, 5.50; Kane, 5; Mansfield, 2.50; Nelson, 3.37; Tioga, 3.30; Wellsboro', 33.79, 53.46

WEST JERSEY.—Atlantic City, 43.95; Blackwood, 50; Bridgeton, 1st, 43.31, Primrose Club, 35.51, Inft. Sch., 6, S.C.E., Jr., 5, Legacy Mrs. Uriah D. Woodruff, 25; 2d Ch., 93.69; West Ch., 110, Little Units, 30.57, S.C.E., Jr., 2; Irving ave., S.C.E., 3; Camden, 1st, 48.87; Camden, 2d, Old Chapel Bd., 30; Cape May, 30; Cedarville, 15; Clayton, 44.18, S.C.E., debt, 7.50, S. C.E., Jr., 5; Cold Spring, 15; Deerfield, 50; Greenwich, 65, Y. L.B., 14.35, S.S., 35; Hammonton, 8; May's Landing, 16; Merchantville, 10.17; Millville, 9.29, S.C.E., Jr., 3; Pittsgrove, 20, Y. L.B., 36.76, Golden Links, 25; Salem, 73.67, Gleaners, 100; Wenonah, Forget-me-not Bd., 100; Woodbury, 2.50, Y.L. B.; 12.50, W. Hearts and Hands, 19, Woodstown, 23.55; Misc., 1, 1,268.37

WESTMINSTER.—Bellevue, 50, S.S., 16.37; Cedar Grove, 5.89; Centre, 63; Chestnut Level, 52.20; Columbia, 127., S.C.E., 12.50; Lancaster, 60; Leacock, 15, Lucy Leaman Bd., 6; Little Britain, 12.50; Marietta, 45.20; N. Harmony, 31.55, Bd., 2.25, S. C.E., 15; Pequea, 27.41; Pine Grove, 40, Slate Ridge, 12; Slateville, 28, Busy Workers, 25; Stewartstown, 48; Union, 37, S.C.E., 10, S.C.E., Jr., 10; York, 1st, 233; York, Westm'r, 20, 1,004.87

WOOSTER.—Apple Creek, 2.75, S.C.E., 3.77; Ashland, 36.18; Belleville, 2; Bethel, 1.70; Canal Fulton, 16; Congress, 23; Creston, 11.92; Doylestown, 9.50; Fredericksburg, 31, S.C.E., 4; Margaretta Bd., 11.25; Hayesville, 36; Hopewell, 15, Holcomb Bd., 2; Jackson, 22; Lexington, 9.15; Loudonville, 4; Mansfield, 36.39, S.C.E., 35, S.C.E., Jr., 2.50; Millersburg, 12.35; Orange, 5, King's Dau., 20; Orrville, 12, Anna Shields Bd., 15; Perrysville, 3.50; Plymouth, 8.35, Mayflowers, 32 cts., S.C.E., 2; Savannah, 24.70, Pearl Seekers, 3.85, Y.L.B., 10; Shreve, 15.34; Wayne, 9.05; W. Salem, 5.85; Wooster, 1st, 18.31, Y. L. B., 50.33, Bd., 12; Westm'r, 161.83, Y.W. B., 55, Coan Bd., 6.88. Acorn, 6, Myers Mem'l, 30, 806.77

ZANESVILLE.—Brink Haven, S.C.E., 3; Brownsville, 8.65, S. C.E., 3.92; Chandlersville, 15.50; Clark, 19; Coshocton, (21.19*) 38.50, Cary Bd., 33.70; Dresden, 11.30, S.C.E., 1; Duncan's Falls, 5.57, S.C.E., 5; Fredericktown, 5, Y.P. Aid, 5; Granville, 74.25, S.C.E., 10; Granville Fem. Col., 22; High Hill, 14, S.C.E., 2.25; Homer, 10 Jersey, 19.70; Johnstown, 4.50; Keene, 20; Madison, S.C.E., 12.50; Martinsburg, 9.50, S.C.E., 9.75; Mt. Pleasant, 1.80; Mt. Vernon, 33.50, Girls' Bd., 10, S.S., 37.50, S.C.E., 10.51; Mt. Zion, 11.65, S.C.E., 2; Newark, 1st, 14.45, S.S., 4.65; 2d, Ch., 75, Band, 16.51; N. Concord, 34, King's Dau., 6, S.C.E., 2.50; Norwich, 20; Pataskala, 9.75, S.C.E., 5, S.C.E., Jr., 1; Utica, 29.10, Golden Circle, 95 cts.; W. Carlisle, 12.55; Zanesville, 1st, 10, Azalea Bd., 10, Kellogg Bd., 15; Putnam, 16.98, A lady, 25, Inf. Sch., 5; 2d, (26.15*) 83.15, 868.14

LEGACY.—Mrs. Parmela P. Garthwaite, Elizabeth, N. J., 200.00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Brickersville, Pa., Mrs. C. H. Asay, 2; Phil., cash, 25; St. Louis, Mo., "M. C.," 5; Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. John Butler, 8, 40.00

Total for April, 1896, $61,954.24
Total for year, $140,945.56

Receipts since May 1, 1896.

ATHENS.—Athens, 1.25; Carthage, 5; Gallipolis, W. Workers, 5; Middleport, 22.98, $34.23

BALTIMORE.—Annapolis, S.C.E., 2; Baltimore, Lafayette Sq., S.C.E., 10, S.S., 11.59; Waverly, S.C.E., 25, 48.59

BUTLER.—Buffalo, S.C.E., 6.00

CLARION.—New Bethlehem, 1.00

HOLSTON.—Asheville, Home Indust'l Sch., Fancy Work Club, 5; Paint Rock, S.C.E., Sr. and Jr., 75 cts., 5.75

HUNTINGDON—Altoona, Juniata Ch., Y.P.S., 10; Phillipsburg, Y.P.S., 8; Col. Pres. Meeting, 5, 23.00

LACKAWANNA.—Athens, Y.L.B., 6.00

ZANESVILLE.—Col. an. meeting, debt, 30.00

LEGACY.—Miss Sallie Small, dec'd, York, Pa., 432.56

MISCELLANEOUS.—East Downingtown, Mrs. A. P. Tutton, 30; Elizabeth, N. J., Miss T. B. Henry, 30; Tolono, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Salisbury, 270; Wyandot, O., Mrs. Mary Welsh, 25 cts., 330.25

Total for May, 1896, $917.38

MRS. JULIA M. FISHBURN, *Treas.*
June 1, 1896. 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest to April 20, 1896.

[Balance left over last month.]

ST. PAUL.—Farmington, 1, (1*), S.S., 1; Hamline, Knox Ch., 3.85, (5.35*); Hastings, 3.50, C.E., 3.77, S.S., 2.50, (1*); Macalester, 7.50, (2.75*), Golden Rule Bd., 1.42; St. Paul Pk., 4.53, (1.90*); St. Paul, 9th, 3.50; Arlington Hills Ch., C.E., 2; Central Ch., S.S., 25, J. Rhiddoffer gift, 50, Little Flock, 2.80, Jr. C.E., 2.28, Dayton Ave. Ch., 18.35, Jr. C.E., 7.75, S.S., 5; East Ch., 4.50, (2*); Westm'r Ch., 11.25; Goodrich Ave. Ch., 2, C.E., 23; House of Hope Ch., 72.57, Adult B. Cl., 40, S.S., 16, Willing Helpers, 3; Stillwater, 11.65, C.E., 10, Allbright Bd., 37.75; White Bear, 6.25, 397.72

SCHUYLER.—Augusta, 12; Carthage, 23.48; Fountain Green, 7.24; Hamilton, 10.56; Hersman, Jr. C.E., 7.44; Kirkwood, 15, Jr. C.E., 4.07; Monmouth, 46.42, (25.25*), Y.L.S., 51.86; Mt. Sterling, 5.67; Perry, 5; Prairie City, 22.46, (5.19*), C.E., 23.50; Quincy, 14; Rushville, 30.80, Jr. C.E., 3.25; Good Hope, Mrs. J. M. Painter, 20; Wythe Ch., C.E., 5, 338.19

SIOUX CITY.—Alta, 12, (2*); Calliope, 6; Cherokee, 35, (20.79*), C.E., 2.25*, S.S., 8.53; Cleghorn, 4.15; Denison, 7.75, (11.95*), In Mem. Paul Graham Clark, 15; Ida Grove, 13; Inwood, 8; Jackson Tp. Ch., 5*; Le Mars, 24.94, C.E., 20.86; Marcus, Mt. Pleasant Ch., 7, (3*); Odebolt, 4.84, (5.20*); Paullina, O'Brien Co. Scotch Ch., 5, Golden Rule Bd., 4; Sac City, 5.37, (11.55*), Busy B. Jr. C.E., 4; Sioux City, 1st, 46.13, (13.15*), C.E., 15; 2d, 13.20, (5*), C.E., 10; 3, 3.88; Sioux Center, 2.50; Storm Lake, 18, C.E., 3.50, S. Grant Union S.S., 2.60; Oleary, Union Tp Ch., 4.08; Vail, 3*, 387.22

SOUTHERN DAKOTA.—Kimball, C.E., 3.92; Parker, 26; Scotland, C.E., 4.60, 34.52

SPRINGFIELD.—Bates, 44.25; Buffalo Hart, 9.40; Chatham, 5; Decatur, 125, Brier Bd., 10, Westm'r Soc., 5; Divernon, Brush Creek Ch., 20.90; Farmingdale, 6.25; Greenview, 1.50, Earnest Workers, 1.25, Little Lights, 1.25; Jacksonville, Presbyterian Ch., 6.65; State St. Ch., 75.25, S.S., 50, Coral Workers, 2.18; United Portuguese Ch., 10; Westm'r Ch., 125.60, C.E., 50, S.S., 25; 2d Portuguese Ch., Y.L.S., 5; Lincoln, 28.80, C.E., 10, Jr. C.E., 2.76, Mrs. B. H. Brainerd, 350; Macon, 5; Maroa, 15, S.S., 10.35; Mason City, 32.15, S.S., 5.13, C.E., 2.70; Athens, N. Sangamon Ch., 62.60; Petersburgh, 20.25, C.E., 18.73; Pisgah, 7.50; Pleasant, Plains, 9.50; Springfield, 1st, 63.71, S.S., 12.02, Y.L.S., 27.35, Busy Bees, 25; 2d, 65.61, Y.L.S., 25, Mem'l Bd., 1.50, C.E., 50, S.S., 25; Brainerd Chapel, 30; Virginia, 17.75, 1,502.89

UTAH.—Benjamin, 1.50; Brigham, 75 cts.; Evanston, 40 cts.; Smithfield, 2; Mite Sowers, 1.70; Gunnison, Mrs. Green, 50 cts., St. George, Mrs. G. M. Hardy, 5; Wellsville, Bd., 50 cts.; Ogden, 2.50; Richfield, Bd., 1.25; Salt Lake, 1st, Jr. C.E., 6, 22.10

VINCENNES.—Carlisle 5*; Evansville, 1st Ave. Ch., 1.50, (5*); Grace Ch., 9.60, (20*), C.E., 16.60, S.S., 14.92*, Jr. C.E., 7; Walnut St. Ch., 60*, C.E., 5, Parke Mem'l Ch., 3.50*; Oakland City, 10, (6.20*); Petersburgh, 11, (5*), C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 1; Princeton, 39.54, C.E., 8.64; Sullivan, 24.20, C.E., 2; Terre Haute, Central Ch., 42; Washington Ave. Ch., 6.40; Vincennes, 51.25, (36.70*), Willing Workers, 6.50; Upper Indiana Ch., 7.61; Washington, 15, (10*), C.E., 6.50; Worthington, 2.52, C.E., 4.50, Jr. C.E., 2.90, 452.58

WATERLOO.—Ackley, 1.55, (3.75*), S.S., 17 30, King's Sons, 1.20, Girls' Bd., 55 cts.; Cedar Falls, 7.50, Conrad Grove, 3.50; Clarksville, 8; Dows, C.E., 5; Dysart, S.S., 5; Green, 2.78, (4.55*); Grundy Center, 12.08, (10*), C.E., 10; Janesville, 4, La Porte City, 10; Marshalltown, 9.54; Morrison, 6.25; Nevada, 44, C.E., 10; Salem Ch., 10.83, Whatsoever Bd., 9.50; State Center, 24, (1*), C.E., 5; Toledo, Y.P.C., 6.69; Tranquility Ch., 25.25; Waterloo, 25, C.E., 11.13, (1.45*), 296.40

WHITEWATER.—Greensburg, C.E., 11.37; Kingston, 10; Richmond, C.E., 20, 41.37

WINNEBAGO.—Florence, 6; Marinette, 25.26; Oshkosh, 6.75, C.E., 15; Wausau, 18, 71.01

WINONA.—Chester, 2.40

MISCELLANEOUS.—Oxford, O., Western Col. and Sem., U.M. S., 100; Goodwill Miss., S.D., 11.60; Ann. Meeting off., 400; Carbondale, Ill., Busy Bees, 4.50; Hinsdale, Mich., 2; Chicago, B. Levenson, 3; Deficit, 1; also 10 cts; Creston, Ia., C.E., 15.97; Emerson, Ia., 3.45; Denver, Col., Central Ch., C.E., 15; Jesup, Ia., 6.35, 562.97

Since April 20, 1896.

BLOOMINGTON.—Bloomington, 2d, 27.36; Champaign, Mr.

and Mrs. Charles Gunn, 12.50; Clinton, 25; Lexington, 3.50; Normal, 5; Philo, Jr. C. E., 2; Pontiac, 6; Tolono, Curtie's mem'l, 7.50, 88.86

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Artesian, Busy Bees, 60 cts.; Canova, 60 cts.; E. Pierre, 5; Huron, S.S., 25, Jr. C.E., 5.50; Madison, C.E., 1.17; Wentworth, 1.50, 39.37

CHICAGO.—Austin, 7.40; Chicago, B. Levenson, 5; 2d Ch., 30.45; 4th, 2 15, addl. pr. off., 2.50, Mothers' Mite Soc., 4.14; 9th, 2.65; Ch. of the Covenant, 4.73; Hinsdale, Mrs. E. C. Linsley, 1; Hyde Park, 25.94; McCormick Sem., 4.26; Evanston, 1st, 52.20, Chapel, 35; Lake Forest, 3.32, C.E., 10, Steady Streams, 47.17; Wilmington, Mrs. J. A. White, 5, 242.91

DENVER.—Brighton, 5; Denver, Capitol Av. Ch., 5; Littleton, C.E., 8.85, 18.85

DUBUQUE.—Sumner, 5.00

FREEPORT.—Freeport, 1st, 20.00

IOWA.—Keokuk, Westm'r Ch., Willing Workers, 15.24

MILWAUKEE.—Milwaukee, Calvary Ch., Mrs. F. White, 10.00

MINNEAPOLIS.—Minneapolis, Westm'r Ch., 53.70

OTTAWA.—Elgin, 5.60

PEMBINA.—Cavalier, Mrs. A. B. Christie, 10.00

PEORIA.—Elmira, Miss Belle M. Oliver, 50.00

SCHUYLER.—Bardolph, Never Give Up Bd., 13.00

ST. PAUL.—Goodhue, 5; St. Croix Falls, 4.29, Jr. C.E.. 1.26; St. Paul, House of Hope Ch., 63.12, 73.67

WATERLOO.—Waterloo, C.E., 3.87

MISCELLANEOUS.—Springfield, Mass., Mrs. C. F. Hobart, 30; Drayton, N. D., C.E., 8, 38.00

Total receipts since April 20, $688.07

MRS. C. B. FARWELL, *Treas.*

Chicago, May 20, 1896. Room 48, McCormick Block.

Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church for April, 1896.

BROOKLYN.—Brooklyn, Central, Jr. C.E., 5; Classon Ave., Mrs. J. A. Wisner, 150; Mem'l, 25.26; Prospect Heights, Mizpah Cir., 5; Ross St., 5.83; 2d., 3.96; Westm'r, Y.L.Guild, 2, C.E., 5; Stapleton, S. I., 1st, C.E., 25, $227.05

BUFFALO.—Buffalo, 1st., S.S., 45; Jamestown, S.S., 15, 60.00

CHEMUNG.—Big Flats, 12.50; Breesport, 1.10, Burdett, 11.75; Dundee, 2.50; Elmira, 1st, 43.82; Franklin St., 11; Lake St., 75, Sunshine Cir. 10, S.S., 25; Havana, 2.05; Hector, 7; Horseheads, 11, Pleiades Bd., 40; Mecklenburg, 14.25; Monterey, 5; Moreland, 3; Rock Stream, 12; Southport, 10; Spencer, 14; Sugar Hill, 4, 314.97

GENNESEE—Castile, Little Red Bag Fund, 1.24; Perry, Willing Workers, 6, 7.24

HUDSON.—Haverstraw, 60, S.S., 25, 85.00

NEW YORK.—New York, Brick, 100; Fifth Ave., Y.L. Branch, 100, King's Children, 150; Fourteenth St., Chinese S.S., 15; Harlem, 25; Lenox, 5.43; Madison Square, Jr. Guild, *freight*, 2; Mt. Washington, 50; Phillips, Alexander Bd., 3; Scotch, 16; returned by a speaker, 7, 473.43

OTSEGO.—Cooperstown, C.E., 10; Guilford Centre, 9.25; Unadilla, 7.31, 26.56

ST. LAWRENCE.—Morristown, Silver Spray Bd., 9.69

UTICA.—Utica, Miss Gilbert, *freight*, 4.00

WESTCHESTER.—Croton Falls, 3.00

MISCELLANEOUS.—East Bloomfield, N. Y., 14.52; Offering at Annual Meeting, 127.03; The Misses Montgomery, 22.65; Through Miss Holmes, 15, 179.20

LEGACY.—N.Y.C., estate of Juliet Douglas, 5,000.00

Total, $6,390.14

May, 1896.

BINGHAMTON.—Binghamton, Broad Ave, Bd., 4; 1st, 87.50, $91.50

CAYUGA.—Auburn, Calvary, 4.36; Central, 50; 1st., Bd., 58; Aurora, 6.80; Fair Haven, 3.15, S.S., 2.70; Sennett, 11; Weedsport, Mem'l Bd., 10, 146.01

CHEMUNG.—Elmira, 1st., Y.P.S., 20.00

NASSAU,—Elmont, 7; Jamaica, Jr. C.E., 35; Oyster Bay Bd., 2, 44.00

NEW YORK.—New York, Brick Ch., 189.25, Willing Workers, 25.65; Central, 250, Y.W.S., 10; Church of the Covenant, Willing Workers, 25; Church of the Puritans, Puritan Guild, 3.25; Fifth Ave., 135, Y.L.S., 1.50; Harlem, Helping Hands, 20; Madison Square, 70.50, Jr. Sewing Guild, 10; Park, 88.50, Y.L.S., 30, Light Bearers, 6.50; West, Y.W.S., 81.15; West End, Nimble Fingers, 6.50, 972.80

NIAGARA.—Lockport, 1st., Life Member, 25.00

OTSEGO.—Cooperstown, 12.50; Delhi, 1st., 3.66; Worcester, 7.50, 23.66

UTICA.—Boonville, 25, S.S. Miss. Soc., 10; Clinton, 27.50; Oriskany, 5; Rome, Jr. C.E., 10; Sauquoit, 5; Utica, Bethany, 2; 1st., Mrs. Goldthwaite, 25; Verona, 22.70, 132.20

MISCELLANEOUS.—Garbutt, N. Y., through D. C. McPherson, 5; King's Ferry, S. K. Bradley, 2; St. Augustine, Fla., Mem'l, 7; through Miss Denny, 21.50, 35.50

LEGACY.—Rochester, N. Y., estate of Mary B. Allen King, 959.12

Total, $2,449.79

Total since April 1, 1896, $8,839.93

MISS HENRIETTA W. HUBBARD, *Treas.*,
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Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Northern New York, from January 29 to April 15, 1896.

ALBANY.—Albany, 1st Ch., 124.30, S.S., 35.25, Y.L.B., 67, Hopeful Workers, 14; 2d Ch., 138.50, S.S., 3.50, McDonal Bd., 50; 3d Ch., Y.L.B., 40.07; 4th Ch., 391, Y.L.B, 17, Golden Hour Bd., 52; State St. Ch., Earnest Workers, 118, Little Volunteers, 42; 6th Ch., 100, Willing Ten Bd., 5; Madison Ave. Ch., 49; West End Ch., 8.85; Amsterdam Ch., 186, Standard Bearers, 16; Ballston Centre, 10.25, S.S., 11; Ballston Spa, 55, L. C. Lincoln Bd., 82; Broadalbin, 10; Charlton, 24.50, Missionary Garden, 1; Esperance, 6; Galway, 50; Gloversville, 27; Greenbush, 9; Jefferson, 13, S.S., 5; Johnstown, 127.28, Willing Helpers, 20, Gleaners, 5; Hamilton. Union Ch., 9; Kingsboro, 25; Luzerne, 13.25, S.S., 4.08; Mariaville, Juv. Bd., 1; New Scotland, 30; North Bethlehem, 4.62, S.C.E., 1.40; Princetown, 50.50; Sand Lake, 11; Saratoga, 1st, 102.82, Primary S.S., 13.19, S.C.E., 2.99; 2d Ch., 133.12; Schenectady, 1st Ch., 116.43, S.S., Junior Dep't, 41, S.S., Primary Dep't, 50, E. A. Darling Bd., 90, Young Girls' Bd., 117, Park Place, S.S., 15, a friend, 5; East Ave. Ch., 31, Jessup Bd., 11; Stephentown, 5.85; Tribes Hill, 10; West Galway, Bd., 6.05; West Troy, 1st Ch., 20.85; Jermain Mem'l Ch., 27.94; Coll. Monthly Meetings, 50 cts., $2,863.07

CHAMPLAIN.—Belmont, 8; Keeseville, 14.26, S.S., 7.59, Jun. C.E, 3.60; Malta, 10; Plattsburgh, 1st Ch., 42, Willing Hearts, 20, S.S., 10, S.C.E., 11.83; Port Henry, 21, Jun. C.E., 2.50; Saranac Lake, S.C.E., 7, Jun. C.E., 6, 163.78

COLUMBIA.—Ancram Lead Mines 10, S.S., 7.50; Ashland, 13.30; Cairo, 16; Canaan Centre, 30, Catskill, 213, S.C.E., 50; Centreville, 10.50; Durham, 16.25; Greenville, 22, Farha Bd., 20; Hudson, 181.56, Y.L.S., 25.28; Hunter, 10; Jewett, 21; Valatie, 6.20; Windham, 31.40, Y. L. Bd., 9.60, Brownie Club, 50, S.C.E., 10, 704.09

TROY.—Brunswick, 23.38; Cambridge, 77.50, Whatsoever Bd., 152.20; Cohoes, 27, In His Name Bd., 20; Fort Edward. 38.77; Glens Falls, 17, A friend, 200; Hoosick Falls, 43.84, Glad Gleaners, 16; Johnsonville, 31; Lansingburgh, 1st, 36.85, Infant Cl., 3, Jun. C.E., 5; Olivet Ch., 10; Melrose, 13.50, S.S., 2.36; Mechanicville, 77; North Granville, 15; Pittstown, Miss Ray, 1; Sandy Hill, 31, Loring Band, 18; Salem, 57; Schaghticoke, 18; Stillwater, 12.81, Mary Campbell Bd., 10, Golden Rule, 22.27; Troy, 1st, 198.50, Cheerful Givers, 35; 2d, 183, S.S., 25, Irvin Bd., 37.50; Bethany Chap., Bd., 14.50; 9th, 77, Remick Band, 73.50; Second Street, 100; Oakwood Ave., S.S., 15, Glenwood Bd., 11, Acorn, 2; Westm'r Ch., 22, S.S., 50; Wood-side Ch., 15.33; Mt. Ida Mem'l, 5; Waterford, 25.84, Penny Gleaners, 34; Whitehall, 35, 1,938.65

Special colls. at meetings addressed by Mrs. Wellington White, $340.40

Special for sending out new missionaries, $8.00

Total since Jan. 29, $6,017.99

MRS. CHARLES NASH, *Treas.*

MRS. B. W. ARNOLD, *Ass't Treas.*

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest for the Month Ending May 24, 1896.

AUSTIN.—Fort Davis, Union S.S., 2.50, C.E., 2; Taylor, L.A.S., 7, $11.50

CIMARRON.—Pres. M.S., 3.75

OKLAHOMA.—Enid, 5; Norman, 2.55, 7.55

SANTA FE.—Raton, 1st Ch., 9.30

MISCELLANEOUS.—Ann. Meeting Coll., 32.96; Mrs. Chas. McKee, 10, 42.96

Total for month, $75.06

Total to date, $75.06

MRS. WM. BURG, *Treas.*,
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May 25, 1896.